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THE HISTORY
OF THE
Birth, Travels, Strange Adventures, and
DEATH of
Fortunatus :
Wherein is Contained such Variety
BOTH OF
C O M I C A L
AND
Tragical Discourse,
That the like is not afforded in any *Histories* of this
Nature.
There being added likewise several new
Additions which was not in the Original Copy
from whence it was Translated.
It being not onely *Useful*, but very *Necessary* for
Old and Young ; Wherein they may plainly see the Fol-
lies of Riches and greatness, and learn how to avoid tem-
ptations of that nature, that often brings Men into
danger of life. As also, Youths may by this be instru-
cted how to behave themselves in their *Travels*, or
upon any occasion whatsoever.

With the Illustration of several New Pictures.

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THE
EPISTLE
TO THE
READER.

I Need not say much in the praise of this Book, but rather leave it to the censure of the impartial Reader, who I doubt not will find such pleasure in perusing it, that he will never think his time ill bestowed upon that occasion ; for in it, as in a mirror, is plainly demonstrated all the follies of extravagant Youth, the vanity of aspiring greatness, the trouble, perplexity and hazards, that commonly attend upon Riches ; as likewise the malice, subtilty and cunning devices of wicked men ; together with the snares that are layed by false and dissembling Women to intrap the too too credulous Youths, and then to plunge them into an Ocean of misery, which many times drives them upon the dangerous Rock of despair, or causes them to take bad courses to maintain that pride and gallantry from whence they are fallen, which in the end most commonly brings them to shame and disgrace : In it are likewise contained many cautions how to avoid danger, and to foresee the same. It being composed of large experience, partly Commical and partly Tragical : giving not only an account of the Life, strange Adventures, and Death of the party from whom it takes its name, but likewise of several as well Kings and Princes as others. As also a description of many strange Countries, with their manners, customes, and commodities : And to conclude, is so delightful that none of this nature have excelled it ; it being written as well for pleasure as profit.

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The Contents of the B O O K.

IN Cyprus Ile liv'd *Theodorus* fam'd,
In a fair City *Famagosta* nam'd ;
Extravagant and wild he spent his store,
That by excess he grew so wondrous poor,
That *Fortunatus* all the Sons he had
Was forc'd to wander as kind fortune led :
When oft he death and danger did escape,
Encountering Bares or worse in humane shape.
When as by chance he did Dame *Fortune* meet,
Who him (lost in a darksome Wood) did greet,
Gave him a Purse that he should ne'r be poor,
And bid his Sons likewise possess the store :
With this he roves the world from coast to coast,
Leopoldo hires (who kills the faithless Host)
To *Cyprus* he returns, his Parents dead,
There builds a Pallace and a Wife does wed ;
Leaving Two Sons again to Travel bent,
When in strange Countries sixteen years he spent.
Returning from the Souldan King does bear
A Hat (which wishing) bares him through the air.
Returns (and dying) to his Sons bequeaths
His Hat and Purse and all their vertues leaves.
Ampedo eldest, *Andolocia* next,
Their Mother dyes with grief so sore perplext.
When *Andolocia* with the Purse does come,
And mild *Ampedo* stays content at home.
After much fame acquir'd in Princes Courts,
To *England* *Andolocia* straight resorts,
And spends his time in feasting and in sports. }
Till *Agrippina*'s beauty proves a snare,
And makes him whence his Riches flow declare.
Then whilst he is with drowfiness oppress'd,
He of his Purse is quickly dispossest.
Then from his Brother he conveys the Hat,
With which after much toil the Purse he got.
The Princess is to *Theodorus* Wed,
Young *Cyprus* Prince, and to that Court is led.
There *Andolocia* by his martial feats
The envy of some envious Nobles gets.
Who in a wood at his return do slay
His Men, and him in a deep Dungeon lay ;
Bereave him of his Purse and then his life,
For which 2 Earls did dye to end the strife.
Ampedo hearing of his Brothers death,
Burns his swift Hat, and then resigns his breath.

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THE HISTORY OF FORTUNATUS.

C H A P. I.

Of the Parentage and Birth of Fortunatus.

IN Famogosta a Famous City in the Isle of Cyprus,
lived one Theodorus descended of Noble Parentage,
who by the Deceale of his Father, had a plentiful E-
state fell into his hands ; but he being of a haughty
Mind, gave himself wholly up to the Pleasures and
Vanitie of the World : He associated himself with the
Great Men of the Country, and lived riotously, spending his time
for the most part in Gaming, Hunting, Watking, and Sumptuous
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Entertainments, the which in a short time greatly diminished his Estate; which his friends perceiving, and being much grieved thereat, thought there was no better way to restrain his Licentious manner of Life, than by matching him to a Wife.

This being resolved upon, and he not contradicting the Motion, they sought for a fair, young and vertuous Lady throughout all the Citys of Cyprus, and at last in Nicova found one that well-liked them, she being daughter to a Wealthy Merchant, and adorned with all the Perfections that appertain to Woman-kind, her Name being Gratiana: to this Lady by the Consent of her Father, Theodorus was shortly married, and for a time lived in great Splendor, the first Year having by her a fair Son, whom they named Fortunatus; but this little or nothing restrained his Extravagancies: Insomuch that in a short time after the Marriage, notwithstanding the large Portion he had with his Wife, he was brought to extreame Poverty, which made him repent, though now too late; so that oftentimes being hunger-pined, and in great want, he looking upon his Son (who by this time was a comely Youth) would sigh and let fall Tears, which so afflicted the Young-man, that he one day demanded the Cause, desiring to know whether he had offended him in ought, the which if he had he would strive to amend it: To whom the sorrowful Father replied, He had never offended him; but it was the exceeding Penury to which by his Extravagancies he was reduced to that madded as he saw: To which the Youth replied, Let not that trouble you, for as for me, I have received such good Education under you, that I can shift for my self in any place of the World; but he perceiving his Father still troubled, and alwaies sigh when he looked upon him, he conjectured it was for his sake, and therefore resolved to be no longer chargeable to him: Whereupon one Day taking his Stick in his hand, he went to the Sea-side, where he had not staied long, but a Bailly put to shore, in which was the Earl of Flanders, who was returned from Jerusalem; they had not been long on shore to refresh themselves, but the Earl caused the Trumpet to sound, to call his men back into the Galley; which Fortunatus perceiving, and being desirous to Travel, went to the Earl and offered him his Service: When the Earl perceiving him a goodly Youth,

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and having by reason of sickness, lost two of his men by the way, he entertained him; when as the Earl and Fortunatus being on Board, they set Sail, and in a short time arrived at Venice.



CHAP. II.

How *Fortunatus* departed his Country, and how he became greatly esteemed by the Earl.

After some Contests with the Winds and Sea, the Galley safely arrived at Venice, where the Earl and his Men landed; and there by the help of *Fortunatus* (who amongst all his men could onely speak the Language) he bought rich Jewels, and Gold Embroideries, in order to his Marriage, he being to Wed the Duke of Cleves Daughter at his return, to whom he had been Contracted before his departure. By these and such other Services, *Fortunatus* gained the Love of his Lord; insomuch that the rest of the Servants began to envy him: A while after the Earl coming into his own Country, bought all his Servants Horses, and gave to *Fortunatus* the best next what himself rode on; so that it greatly grieved the rest of the Servants, who wished the Devil had had the Italian before he came into their Lords Service. A while after the Marriage

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being Celebrated, a great number of Nobility being present, Tilts and Jousts were prepared, where after the Nobles had done great Feats, the Earl set up two Jewels valued at a hundred pounds, for the Servants who should do best; upon which Fortunatus prepared his Horse, and soon with his Lance overthrew one of them that run against him, whereupon he carried away the Prize; then one Timothy having won the other Jewel, the Servants urged Timothy to Joust with Fortunatus, who should have them both; but in the Conflict Timothy was hewn down Horse and Man, so that Fortuna-



tus got not onely both the Jewels, but the great Applause of the Spectators, and the greater favour of the Earl, who highly praised him, telling them by what chance he had met with him: whereupon the Nobles and Ladies gave him many Presents; this more and more raised the Malice of his Fellow-servants against him; but when they well perceived that they could do nothing against him fairly, they wrought by subtilty: for there being amongst the rest one Robert an ancient Servant to the Earl, who promised for Ten Crowns to make Fortunatus run away; to this they gladly hearkned, and every one paid his Dividend most joyfully: when this was done, he insinuates himself into the company of Fortunatus, ex-

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pressing more than ordinary kindness, carrying him abroad to Treats, and other Merriments, without suffering him to pay ought; this Fortunatus imagining to proceed from the intire good will he bore him, he gave the greater credit to all he said, not perceiving his subtilty: When the Money was almost spent, and the Servants began to put Robert in mind of his Promise, he one day taking Fortunatus into a private Apartment, after several Discourses, he began to sigh and look sad, which Fortunatus well noting, demanded the Cause, who told him it was for his sake: then was he earnest to know the Reason; truly said Robert it was told me by my singular good Friend, who upon a great Penalty enjoined me Secrecy, but for the Love and good Will I have to you, I shall reveal it. Then thus our Lord intends to Morrow to Ride to Lausanne, to wage Law against the Earl of St. Paul, where for the jealousy he had lately conceived of his Chamberlains, lest they should either have carnal Copulation with his beauteous Wife, or any of her fair Ladies and Gentlewomen that attended her, he is resolved to have them all Gelded, and though he entirely loves you above any of his Servants, yet he cannot serve the rest so while you take part with them in the same, you being chief Chamberlain, and the most comely amongst them, after which he will only reveal it to his Lady, forbidding her to reveal it; but as the manner of Women is, it cannot be expected that she will keep the Secret long; so that it being spread abroad, it will redound to your utter Disgrace, if the cutting do not hazard your Life: this I learned from him who is appointed to Geld you, he telling it me (as thinking I might be one of the Chamberlains) in requital of some singular Favours I had done him.

When Fortunatus heard this he looked as pale as Death, and desired Robert by all the Ties of Friendship, that he would be assisting to him in making his escape; for said he, I would not be Gelded if my Lord would give me his Earldom: When he talked of Flight, the Hypocrite Robert feigned himself sad, and desired his stay, the better to persuade him into a Belief of what he had related, telling him he was sorry that ever he had Imparted it to him; but Fortunatus standing as it were upon thorns, thought every hour ten, till he

he was gone; then Robert bid him in what place soever he resided, send him a Letter, that when the Earl was supplied with Gelded-men, he might give notice to return: But Fortunatus replied, he would never return, though he endured never such necessity or want. Upon this Robert inwardly rejoiced, and helping him to a horse, he rode out of the City as if he went on hunting, and having passed the Gate, set on full speed and never looked behind him, till he thought himself out of Danger, and purchasing another horse, he sent back the Earls, lest upon that account he might be pursued.

C H A P. III.

How the Earl grieved for the Departure of *Fortunatus*; and what befel him afterwards.

N^O sooner the flight of *Fortunatus* came to the Earls Ear, but he was exceeding sorry, musing with himself what should be the Cause; but when he could think of none, he demanded of his Servants if they were privy to the Occasion of his Departure, but they denied they knew ought: then he examined his Lady and her Gentlewomen who were there at the same time, saying, that the Evening before he was very pleasant, and had discoursed to them about several Affairs of Women, and other things; at which the Earl marvelled the more, saying, Although he could not then learn the true Cause of his Departing without taking leave of him, he doubted not but that he should find it out, and he would severely punish the Occasioner of it: This terrified Robert, so that he grew very Melancholy, lest any of the Servants should betray him; and thereupon he took an Oath of Secrecy of them all, and when they were importunate to know by what means he had effected it, he told them a story of his Father's Advancement by the King of Cyprus, quite contrary to what he had practised. But to return to *Fortunatus*:

Fortunatus being on his way, made what speed he could to Calice, where espying an English Ship, he bargained with the Master to Transport him into England, where arriving, he came to London,

where he hapned into the company of two young Cyprus Merchants, who were sent over by their Fathers too, with a Ship laden with costly Wares, for which they had received great Sums of Money: And now *Fortunatus* being expert in the Manners and Customs of most Countries, became as it were their Tutor or Instructor; so that they spent beyond measure, Rioting it all the Day at Taverns, and at Night sporting it with Harlots, each one striving to out-do the other in Excess; nor was *Fortunatus* wanting to spend amongst them: but within a while all their Money being spent, their Burden Wares forsook them, and all their Jollity came to an end, which made the Merchants bethink themselves of Returning home, which they did in the same Ship they came in, though with heavy hearts and empty Purses, leaving *Fortunatus* behind them.

C H A P. IV.

How *Fortunatus* became a Servant, and how one wicked *Andrew* by murdering a Gentleman in the house of *Fortunatus*'s Master, brought the whole Family in great trouble.

Fortunatus being bare of Money and in a strange Country, knew not well what course to take; but at last resolved to get over into France, but wanted Money to pay his Passage; when going to a Harlot on whom he spent the greatest part of his money, he desired her to lend him two Crowns, telling her that he was to go over Sea to fetch four hundred Crowns that his Uncle owed him; but she would by no means lend him any, nor scarcely make him drink, but sent him away with scouts: Then seeing his former folly, he wished, (though too late) that he had kept his Money, and not have spent it upon such an ungrateful Baggage; so that not having Money to pay for his Passage, he betook himself to the Service of one Jeronimus Roberti, a Florentine Merchant in Lombard-street, where he lived with great Credit, pleasing his Master beyond measure by his Diligence and towardness, and in a short time gained not only the Love of his Mistress, but of all the Servants: Inasmuch that his

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Master not onely intrusted him with all his Cash, but employed him in his main Affairs; as taking in his Merchandize, and other things of secret and weighty Concernment, whereby he not onely advantaged himself, but also by his faithful Discharge of the Trust committed to him; he greatly advantaged his Master, insomuch that he became dear to him; but he had not long continued in his Service, before an Extravagant Florentine came to his Master, whose Name was Andrew, the Son of a very responsible Merchant, who had been fitted out with a Ship and all manner of Merchandize, the which he had sold and imbezzled at a lavish Rate; and thereupon was driven to extreme Poverty, which obliged him to live by his Wits; so that bethinking himself, he counterfeited Bills of Exchange, and by that means so drained his Father of what Monies he had, that in expectation of what should be returned by Merchandize, he utterly impoverished him; the which when he perceived, and that no more Money was to be had, he betook himself to Shifts, and being at Bruges, the place where he had spent the greatest part of his Money, he began to bethink himself that it was in vain for him to return, by reason of the great Injury he had done his Father, and then again considering that those whom he had spent his Monies upon, began to slight him, and that he could neither borrow any, nor be trusted for such convenient things as were appertaining to the Supply of Nature, he much condoled and bewailed his sad Condition whereinto by reason of his Extravagancy he was fallen, and resolved whatever bety'd him to return to his Father; when in his Travels homeward he came to the City of Turene in France, where by his Host he understood that a Merchant of London, upon a spiteful Accusation, lay in Irons in a dark Dungeon, and that he being very rich, would plentifully reward any One that would go over into England and sollicite his Business, so that he might be delivered. At this News Andrew rejoiced not a little, and thereupon asked his Host whether free access might be had to this Merchant? To which the Host answered, that for a small piece of money he might so far prebail with the Keeper as to admit him to the speech of the Merchant: Whereupon he resolved to make the best of his time, preparing a Ducket for that purpose, for which the Keeper joyfully let him in; when he

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was entred the Prison or Dungeon, by a Light that he had with him, he espied the Merchant who lay fast fettered in Irons, to whom he addrest himself in English; upon which the Merchant was not a little over-joyed, asking him if he knew such and such Persons, among whom he named Jeronimo Roberti; to which he replied, that he knew him very well, and that he had not onely been acquainted with him in England, but likewise in the City of Florence; then he shewed him the Cause of his Imprisonment, which was for forging the King of Englands Pass-port, desiring him out of all love that he would speedily repair to London; and shew unto his Friends in what a sad condition he lay, and how pitifully he had been handled since his coming into that Prison, and to desire them to sollicite his Enlargement, for which he would not only think himself infinitely Obligated to him, but would reward him with five hundred Crowns.

At this welcome News Andrew did not a little rejoyce, so that taking some monies of him to bear his Charges, he departed, promising to do his best in order to his Delivery; and thereupon took Shipping for England, and coming to London, he made it his business to go from place to place to the Merchants Friends, as also to the Court, where he understood he could not be released unless he payed a fine of Thre thousand Crowns, the which Jeronimo Roberti promised to lay down upon Security: So that Andrew going from place to place to get one to enter into Bonds for the Sum, at last understood that the King having married his Daughter to the Duke of Burgundia, resolved to make her a Present of the richest Jewels that might be got, having already caused his Jewellers to make them, and deliver them to a trusty Knight, who was appointed to convey them to her. At this Andrew inwardly rejoiced; and now despairing of getting Security of the Sum of Money demanded, he resolved not to lose his labour of coming into England; and thereupon by his frequenting the Court, got acquainted with the Jewel-Bearer, and finding out a fit Opportunity, told him that he was by Birth a Florentine, and by Profession a Jeweller; and forasmuch as he heard the King of England was minded to purchase the best Jewels he could get, he had come out of his own Country with a parcel of such Jewels as he believed the like were not to be had in

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England; and thereupon desired the Gentleman to let him see those he had in charge, the which he readily did, not dreaming of his design.

When Andrew had well viewed them, and by their fairness could not imagin less but that they were of a great value, he told the Gentleman that many of his exceeded them, not only in Lustre but in Virtue, as being Stones of a different Nature, especially one Locket of Black Diamonds which he had purchased of a Jew, who lately came from the Indies: upon this the Gentleman told him, that if he might but see them, he doubted not but that the King would at least purchase some of them, and thereupon he desired him to stay and dine with him, the which he did, and after dinner, Andrew invited the Gentleman to come the next Day to Jeronimus Roberti's House to dine with him, and that there he should have a sight of them: this he consented to, and leave taken, Andrew went to Jeronimus Roberti and informed him, that he had met with a Gentleman of a good Estate, who for the love he bore to the Merchant would become bound for the 3000 Crowns, and withal told him; that he intended to be there the next Day, and therefore he advised him to prepare a dinner to entertain him, and not to speak any thing to him about his Surety-ship till he should give the Signet; to this Jeronimus consented, as well knowing he should have good Interest for his Money. The next Day the Gentleman came, and the Table being spread, they sat down to dinner, and there discoursed of Divers Affairs, when after they were risen from the Table, Andrew took the Gentleman by the hand and led him up stairs pretending to shew him his Jewels, and there taking his opportunity before the Gentleman was aware, with a Dagger that he had provided for the purpose, he stabb'd him, so that he sunk down dead, and then taking his Signet and his Keys he got away unespied, and hasted to the Gentlemans House, where meeting with his Wife, he told her that her Husband had received Orders instantly to depart for the Duke of Burgundies Court, and that she must send the Jewels, by the same token there was his Signet and his Keys of his Cabinet, which the Gentlewoman taking of Andrew, went and unlocked the Cabinet, and, not finding the Jewels there, returned and told him, that her Husband must come and look them himself; for they

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were not there: upon this Andrew departed much perplexed that he had missed of his aim, and long time he pondered whether he should return to Jeronimus, or fly; during which space, Jeronimus coming into his Hall, perceived blood to drop through the Sealing, and thereupon commanded his Servants to run up and find out the cause, where they no sooner came but they found the Gentleman Murthered, at which they were much amazed, and hasted down to relate the same to their Master: who took an hateing that any such thing should be done in his House, and knew not what to do in the business as being but a stranger in England, and not well acquainted with the Laws.

CHAP. V.

How Andrew returned to Jeronimus's House and disposing of the dead body, afterward made his escape; and how the Murther being found out, Jeronimus and all his Servants were Imprisoned.

Whilst the whole Family were in great perplexity about the Murther, in came the Villain that acted it, to whom Jeronimus said; O thou wicked wretch! what mischief hast thou done in Murthering an Innocent Gentleman in my House; not so, replied Andrew, for he was a very Cut-throat, and would have stabbed me, in hopes of getting some Treasure which he supposed I had in a Trunk which I opened; but now the business is past, it cannot be recalled, he therefore advised by me, shew no sad Countenance, nor cause of Grief: for I will so dispose of the Body, that it shall never be found hereafter, and if any are Inquirers for the Person, you must tell them that he departed from your House about an hour after dinner, and that since that time he returned not. And thereupon Andrew took up the Body, and bringing it down stairs, threw it into the Pryby with the Head downwards, and then gave order for the washing away the Blood, after which, understanding that Jeronimus had a design to apprehend him; he privily got over a back wall and so made his escape,



not staying till he came to Venice, where he became a Rower in a Gally or Pirate: and a while after renounced the Christian Religion.

The Gentleman being two days missing at Court, many began to wonder, and the third day acquainted the King thereof, who began to mistrust: that the great value of his charge might have made him false though otherwise, a Gentleman of undoubted Reputation and Fidelity; upon which a Messenger was sent to his House to Inquire for him, and was informed by his Wife, that she had not seen him in three days: but that at his departure he went in the Company of a Florentine, who pretended to have great store of Jewels at the House of one Jeronimus Roberti a Florentine Merchant in Lombard-street, and that a while after their departure, the same person came with her Husbands Keys and Ring, desiring her to send the Jewels, but she looking for them in his Cabinet, found them not there.

With this answer they returned to the King, who was greatly displeased, but that he might not seem over rashly to censure the Fidelity of the Knight, although he concluded he was fled, he gave order that nothing more should be done in it till the end of two days, in which space Fortunatus returning from on Ship-board (where he had
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been taking an account of the labeing) perceived not only his Master, but all his fellow Servants very melancholly; upon which, he demanded of the Maid what was the cause of such their suddain alteration, to whom she answered (as having before-hand premeditated an excuse) that her Master had received a Letter of the Death of a dear Friend of his, which had occasioned that sadness in him; and that with him the rest Simpathized as is the Custom of their Country, but that he not being his near Relation, he would not go into Mourning for him, with which Fortunatus was well pleased. But now the two days being expired, and no tidings of the Gentleman; the King in a great rage sent his Pursebants to search his House, who broke open as many Trunks, Chests and Cabinets, as they found locked, but found not the Jewels: upon which, at the Supplication of the Gentlewoman (who said she verily believed her Husband was Murdered) they went to the House of Jeronimus, where having the Kings Warrant, they apprehended him and all his Family upon Suspicion of Murder, but they all denied it, saying: Indeed there was such a man there, but that he departed thence in the Company of the Person who brought him thither, and that since they saw him not: but this excuse availed not, for they all (being nine in number, of which Fortunatus was one) were delivered to the Sheriffs, who carried them to Newgate, where they were kept asunder, and were strictly examined, but they all declared as before: as for Fortunatus, he was ignorant of the matter and therefore could not confess, upon which the Sheriffs were ordered to search Jeronimus's House, the which they accordingly did, and looked in all the Chests, Trunks, Closets, Cellars, Pantries and Stables, but found not the dead Body, and so were about to depart, when one amongst the rest having a Torch in his hand, lighted some Paper and threw it down into the Pyre, where by reason of the shallowness of the Ordure, the Legs of the party Murdered appeared, he being cast in with his Head downward, which he no sooner perceived by the Light, but he called to the rest, telling them that he had found the Murdered Corps, and thereupon they all coming together drew it out, and after having cleansed it with Water, they layed it in the Street before the Door of Jeronimus, for to be seen of all People, who with great Detestation and shaming

king of their Heads abhorred the Fact: as also a Messenger was sent to acquaint the King what they had found, upon which he gave order for the Racking Jeronimus, and the rest, to force them to confess where the Jewels were, for he supposed that they had Murthered him for the Jewels; when they being stretched upon the Rack, and in exceeding torment, confessed the true manner of the Murther as it is before recited. But Fortunatus, although he was tormented with the rest, could not give any account of the Murther by reason of his absence when the Fact was committed; but as for the Jewels, they all protested they knew not any thing of them.

C H A P. VI.

How *Jeronimus Roberti*, and seven of his Servants were Hanged for the Murther, and how *Fortunatus* was saved at the Place of Execution.

Notwithstanding they made their Confession, how and upon what cation the Murther was Committed, it availed them nothing; for the King issued out a Commission to try them, where their own Confessions and the finding of the Murthered Corps in the House being proved against them they were found Guilty, and being Condemned, were shortly carried to the Place of Execution; a pair of



Gallows being built for that purpose, where they were urged to Confess where the Jewels were, but they declared they never saw them,
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no2 could they give any account of them. So that first Jeronimus was turned off, and then an other, so one after another till none were left but the Cook and Fortunatus, who now began to make a thousand wry faces, as giving themselves over for gone, but when the Cooke came to be turned off, he desired to speak a word or two, which was the readier granted because they supposed he might tell what was become of the Jewels; but silence being made, he said Fortunatus was altogether innocent of the Fact as being abroad about his occasions when it was done, and that he knew not of the Body being in the Priory, by reason they all concealed it from him; and therefore if he did dye, he dyed innocently and wrongfully. At the hearing of this, the People prevailed so far with the Sheriff, as to stay till the King might be Advertized of what had been related; who upon the hearing thereof, and at the earnest Suit of some Ladys (who had cast their Eyes upon Fortunatus, and seeing him a goodly Youth, were moved to pity him) the King sent his Mandate to the Sheriff to save his Life; who thereupon, after he had fastned the rest in Chains to the Gallows, brought back Fortunatus, and in a while after set him at Liberty.

At that time also the King commanded Jeronimus's House to be spoiled, where every one took what best liked him; of which the rest of the Florentines hearing they were sore afraid, and lest the Multitude who were greatly incenced against them should break into their Houses and spoil them also, they layed their Heads together and at last concluded to raise a considerable Summ of Money and lend to the King to regain his good Affection towards them, upon which they were received into Favour, and a Proclamation put out in their behalfs, forbidding any to abuse them, but that they should let them freely Traffick as before.

C H A P. VII.

How afterward all the Jewels were found by the Widdow of the Murthered Gentleman, and by her restored to the King.

After the Execution, the King supposing the Murtherer to have carried away the Jewels he put forth his Proclamation; offering 1000 Crowns to any that would discover them or return them again. Further, he sent to all the noted deellers in the neighbouring Kingdoms, to stop any such Jewels if they should be offered to be sold; but after all this they were found under the bed of the Murthered Gentleman; the manner of their being discovered was thus. About a Month after the Murther the Gentleman being decently buried, several of the Neighbours came to Comfort the Disconsolate Widdow, and perceiving her still to be troubled for the loss of her Husband, one amongst the rest who was in the same condition with her but of a merrier temper, bid her chear up, and by thinking of the Living put the Dead out of her Remembrance, telling her that the best way to do it, was to remove her Bed into another Chamber, so that the Remembrance of past pleasures might be forgot, and that by fixing her thoughts upon some lussy young Lover, the Remembrance of her Dead Husband might be done away, adding that she had done the same, and found the greatest Consolation therein; but the Gentlewoman replied, O how shall I forget so good a Husband, who tended me as dear as his Life? had he been bad I might have done it; yet after their departure she went to remove her Bed, and had scarce drawn it two foot, but under it she espyed a little Casket the which she took up, and having opened it, she (to her great joy) found all the Jewels therein; and thereupon sent to a Kinsman of hers whom she could best trust to ask his advice how she should bestow them, and when he came, she first told him the manner of her finding them, and afterwards shewed them to him; who after some consideration, advised her to carry them her self to the King, saying, that if they were offered to be sold they would be stoped, and then her Life might come in

in danger: to this advice of her Cousins she gladly consented, so that away thy went, and after some Attendance got to be admitted into the Kings presence, where kneeling before him, she said, Most Gracious Liege, I am come humbly to present you with the Jewels, for which my dear Husband lost his life. As I was removing my Bed this day, I found them under it, and with that she delivered the Casket, which the King opening and perceiving they were all there, he greatly rejoiced; saying, Forasmuch as you have been thus faithful, you shall not go unrewarded: As for the loss of your Husband, I, as well as you are not a little grieved, therefore to repair the loss I will choose you another; and thereupon called a Knight, and commanded him to marry her, the which the Knight consenting to, as not being willing to disoblige the King the Ceremonies of their Marriage was celebrated in the Kings presence; and now said the King, I Endow you with my Manor of Woodstock, with a Thousand pounds a year to continue Yours during both your Lives, and thereupon he dismissed them: so that the Bride departed joyful that such good Fortune had befallen, and went to all her Gossips to acquaint them with the same, giving the Widdow many Thanks for her seasonable Advice, saying, If she had not removed the Bed, the Jewels might have stood there time out of mind, telling her that she would always make use of her Counsel for the future.

C H A P. VIII.

How *Fortunatus* having got over Sea lost himself, in a Wood in *France*; and of his Encountering with, and killing a wild Bear that came to devour him.

The dread of Hanging and his narrow Escape, so terrified *Fortunatus*, that he did not think himself safe so long as he stood upon English Ground: Whereupon he made what haste he could to pass the Seas, so that having got on Board a Ship in which his dead Master used to Traffick, he set Sail for *France*, where they set him on shore; and now he being Monilels, thought the best way was

was to get him a Master, but after a long Inquiring, finding none that would Entertain him, he resolved to Travel further; when being belated in a large Forest, where few Passengers travelled, he struck out of the Road into a Cross-way, which led him into further Intanglements: for not being able to find any end of the Wood, when Evening came, he sat him down and began to lament himself, being both Hungry and a Thirst; yet there he sat, not daring to sleep for fear of the wild Beasts, which he heard make hideous noise from many parts, and who in the Night usually range for Prey; but that Night escaping any Encounter with them, the next Day he got up and went onwards, but at last was so intangled in the Thickets, that he could hardly go either backwards or forwards; but at last he found some Water, of which, drinking freely out of his Hat, he made his Dinner of Berries and Cornel, and so passed over that day.

The next Night the Moon began to shine, and as he was sitting, and greatly bewailing his Condition, he heard a rustling in the Leaves, looking up he perceived a huge Bear coming towards him, whose ugly sight did not a little terrify him; whereupon to avoid her fury, he got up the Tree that stood next him, thinking to continue



there till such time as the Bear was passed by, but she having espied him, began to climb the Tree after him, and withal made such a hideous

hideous noise, that she caused several other Beasts to repair thither; The Bear having got up the hardest part of the Tree, pursued Fortunatus still as he climbed higher, the which he perceiving, plucked up a Courage, and drawing his Sword, was resolved to stand to it Manfully; The Bear came at him with open Mouth. and he still as she reached at him with her Paws, wounded her in one place or other, till at length she fell down, and in the fall was so bruised, that she lay as dead; which Fortunatus perceiving, and well noting that all the other Beasts were withdrawn, he came down, and thrust his Sword into the Bears Heart, after which being almost starved with Hunger, he made part of her, and cutting off some of her flesh eat it, by which being strengthened, he the next Morning got up, and resolved to search his way out; when at last coming into the great Road where he was at first, he met with a Walloon, who directed him the nearest way; insomuch that in an hours Travelling he got out of the Forest and came to the City of Orleance, where he met with some refreshment, but had like to have paid dear for his coming thither, as in the next Chapter will appear.

CHAP. IX.

How *Fortunatus* falling asleep in a Porch in the City of *Orleance* had a bloody Knife put into his Sleeve, and how he being found with it was accused of the Murther of a Gentlewoman, and narrowly escaped; the Person that did the Murther being broken upon the Wheel for the same.

IN the City of Orleance in the Kingdom of France, lived one James D' Bret a rich Merchant, who had a fair and beautiful young Gentlewoman to his Daughter, named Mary D' Bret, who being a considerable Fortune, had many Suitors, and amongst the rest, a Merchant of the same place, whose Name was Anthony Montples; it's true, he was a very comely Gentleman, but being young he was drawn away by lude Company to all manner of Extravagancies, which made the Father of the Damsel that he would not

hearken to the giving him his Daughter, although the Maid could have been well content to have loved him for his Person, but being charged by her Father upon his Blessing and the Ties of her Obedience, not to permit his farther Addresses, she not onely gave him his Answer at his next coming, but also would not from that time forward admit him to see her, unless by accident he met her in the Street, and then as much as in her lay she would shun him, which made him turn his former Love into Hatred, and the Study of Revenge; insomuch that within awhile after, he having certain notice by some of her Servants (whom he bribed to send him word how things went from time to time) that within two daies she was to be Married to a Knights eldest Son, who lived at a Village about four Miles from the City: He being moved by the Instigation of the Devil, resolved to hinder the Match whatever it cost him, and thereupon he disclosed his Mind to one Saggue a bloody Villain, and one with whom he often kept company; who advised him, that since the Gentlewoman had proved false to him in breaking her Promise, and now was resolved by marrying another to frustrate all his hopes, it was but just that since he could not enjoy her himself, to hinder any other from doing the same; for saies he, It will truly grieve you to think what pleasure your Rival enjoys, whilst you suffer pain and torment; nay more, to think how they will flout and jeer you at their Merry-makings, and often laugh you to scorn for being so foolish to bestow upon her such liberal Gifts, and all to no purpose; nay, and that your Rival should have them at his dispose.

This so inflamed Montpess, that he could afterwards talk of nothing but Revenge, and thereupon secretly agreed with this bloody Warlet for 200 hundred Crowns to make her away, either by stabbing, poisoning, drowning, or strangling; so that being furnished with fit Instruments of Death, Saggue went to wait about her Lodging for a fit Opportunity, but finding she came not out, he got on a Serving-mans Habit, and having written a Letter in the Name of the Knights Son to whom she was suddenly to be married, he came in the dark of the Evening and knocked at the Door, which the Maid opening, demanded his Business, who told her that he came from such a Gentleman with a Letter, and some rich Presents which

which he had order to deliver to none but her Masters Daughter; upon which the Wench went up and acquainted her what the Messenger had said: So that the innocent Lady not dreaming her end was so nigh, came down, and taking him aside into her withdrawing Room, ordered the Maid to bring a Glass of Wine, the which after she had set down, she withdrew, as thinking they might have some private talk which was not fitting for her to hear; when the Maid was gone, he told the Gentlewoman a very formal Story, and then gave her the Letter which she having opened, began to read; whilst he was feeling in his Pockets, as if he had the Presents there that were specified in the Letter: But instead of Presents, he drew out a Knife secretly, and perceiving the Coast clear, whilst she was reading, he with full force struck it to the Hilt in her Breast, upon which giving a Shriek she fell down down dead, which the Murthurer perceiving, he halted thence, but had scarcely passed the outward Gate, when the Father of the Damself coming by, espied her weltring in her Gore, at which he raised such a doleful Exclamation, as Alarm'd all the House; whereupon pursuit was immediately made after the



Murthurer, who by this time had got ground, and by that means he had some time to look about him; when in a Porch he espied

Fortunatus asleep, upon which he taking the bloody Knife wherewith he had done the Villany, he put it into Fortunatus his Sleeve, and so departed.

Now by this time the whole City was Alarm'd with the pitcous Out-cries of the Servants, who were upon the pursuit of the Murderers, who ran here and there searching and inquiring, as not being certain by reason of the many turnings which way he fled; when at last one of them coming to the Porch where Fortunatus lay still asleep, he cried out, Here he is, here he is, I have found him, I have found him; for indeed Fortunatus had the bad Luck to have a Suit of Cloaths on at that time not unlike to the Murderers, by which the Maid that let him in described him to the rest.

At the Noise and Out-cries they made, Fortunatus suddenly awoke, when starting up in a great Amazement, the Knife dropped out of his Sleeve, which they taking up, and perceiving to be still bloody, they concluded absolutely that he had murder'd their Mistress; and thereupon dragging him through the Streets, railing upon him, and threatening him with a thousand Deaths, without giving him the least knowledge what it was for, when they were come before the Magistrate, they declared what had happen'd, shewing the Knife they had found about him; the Maid likewise swore it was he; whereupon the people cried out, Hang him, hang him: Insomuch that though he pleaded Innocence, and made many Excuses, he could not be heard but away he was sent to Prison, and laid in Irons, and in a short time after was condemned to be broke upon the Wheel; when it so chanced that three daies before the Murderer was apprehended on suspicion of another Murder which he had committed; for which being extremely wracked and at the point of Death, he did not onely confess that, but this also for which Fortunatus was to suffer, telling the manner, and what induced him to do it, and how that upon his flight he found Fortunatus, and put the Knife into his Sleeve as he slept: This Confession coming to the Judges Ear, he gave order to stay Execution two daies longer, and in the mean time sent for the Murderer and Fortunatus, as likewise the Maid who had seen him, and setting them both before her, bid her tell which was the Murderer; upon which after some pause, she said, She now well percei-

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hed she had been mistaken as to what she had before sworn to, in relation to Fortunatus, avowing the other to be the man, and that she not only knew him, by his voice, but by a Scar in his Face, and he being no longer able to conceal his Guilt, he told them all the Passages how he came to the Gentlewoman with a forged Letter, the which he wrote himself, and how he was hired for 200 Crowns by Montpess, upon which the Letter being there, the Judge ordered him to write again, the which he did; and then they being compared, it plainly appeared to be his hand: Whereupon the Judge thanked God who had made such a seasonable discovery of the Truth, and thereupon sent and apprehended Montpess, who finding the other, and confessed the whole Matter, for which within a short time after Montpess was beheaded, and broken upon the Wheel; but Fortunatus set free, and the people that a little before had Cried against him, pitied him for his wrongful suffering, and thereupon made a Purse amongst themselves, and gathered him Six Crowns, the which he taking very thankfully, departed the City, giving praise to God who had so miraculously wrought his Deliverance.

CHAP. IX.

How *Fortunatus* travelling through a Forest, was met by Dame *Fortune*, and how she gave him a Purse that continually supplied his Expences.

FORTUNATUS being got out of the City of Orleance, took his way towards Paris, when travelling through a huge Forest, he on his right-hand perceived a beautiful Creature in female Habit, sitting under a broad spreading Beech-tree with a Veil over her Eyes, who as he came near, arose and crossed him in his way, at which he rejoiced not a little, for he had thought there had been nought but Beasts and wild Beasts in the place, but looking stedfastly upon her he began to ponder whether she might not be a Fairy, or bodily shape composed by Delusion: But whilst he was in this doubt, she taking him by the Hand, gently asked him whether he was going, upon which he

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told her, desiring her that she would accompany him out of the Wood.

To which she replied, she might not go with him, but that she would do more for him than any on earth had ever done: Whereupon Fortunatus gave her many thanks, and desired to know her Name, and what she was, and her Business, in so desert a place; to whom she answered, my Name is Fortune, and here I am placed by him who make all things, and therefore has power to dispose of them as it best pleaseth him: by his Commission I am here placed, to distribute six things, according as the Influence of the Stars by his appointment does direct: the which are these; Wisdom, Health, long Life, Beauty, Strength, and Riches: and now is the Moment of Choice, therefore make no delay, for in this case the Opportunity being over-slipped, returns not again in an Age: Be free, and take for asking any of these which shall seem most pleasing to you.

At this unexpected Offer, Fortunatus inwardly rejoiced, and stood not long to pause, but said, Then if it be in my power to choose, give me Riches, even in such abundance, that I never more may be re-



duced to poverty: to which Fortune replied, Thy wish is granted; and thereupon she gave him a Purse, saying, Take this as the Gift of Providence, the Vertue of it being, that in what Country soever

soever you shall hereafter be, when at any time you shall put your hand into the same, you shall find 10 Pieces of Gold of the currant Coyne of that Nation where you are, and so it shall continue to do during your life, and the life of your Sons, but no longer. This more and more rejoiced Fortunatus, inso much that he returned her a thousand Thanks, wherefore she rebuked him, saying, That he ought not to thank her for what he had received, but God Almighty, from whose liberal Bounty to the Sons of Men all good things flow, as for me, said she, I am but the Dealer of good Things, and that I do by chance, for I neither see nor have regard to the persons on whom I bestow them, but am always hoodwink'd as you now behold me; therefore had Wisdom been your Portion, she would have taught you far otherwise, even to have rendered thanks where they are most justly due; yet what thou hast so freely received, bestow part upon the Poor, as thou shalt see occasion.

This said, Fortunatus bowed low, and promised to perform all she had commanded him: And as for this Day I will yearly keep it Sacred, and Liberally bestow Alms; nay, I will moreover bestow a large Portion on some unmarried Virgin, in order to her being disposed of in Marriage: Then he desired her to lead him out of the Wood, which she promised, and thereupon ordered him to follow her; when as she led him into a great Road, and willed him to go straight forwards, neither turning to the right or the left, nor so much as to look back to see what was become of her; when as she no sooner parted from him, but she vanished: Then Fortunatus travelling about three hours, came to the end of the Wood, where lifting up his eyes, he beheld a fair House, and being desirous to refresh himself there, for he perceived it was an Inn, he put his hand into his Purse, to try if what had been related, were true, and thereupon pulled out 10 Pieces of Gold, at which he greatly rejoiced, and entering the Inn, called for Meat and Drink of the best; and by reason the Host began to mistrust him, as being mean in Apparel, he pulled out two Crowns and gave him them before-hand, whereupon the Host joyfully spread the Table with such choice Provision as the House would afford.

C H A P. X.

How *Fortunatus* at his Departure from the Inn, bought three fair Horses which Earl *Rodolphus* had before cheapned, for which he was Imprisoned, and narrowly escaped his life.

When *Fortunatus* had sufficiently taken his Repast, and there- with greatly refreshed himself after three days continuance in the Inn, he perceived in the Stable exceeding rich Trappings, with all manner of Furniture for a Horseman, and demanded of his Host to what or whose Horse they did belong; to none says the Host, for they are left here to be sold; then said *Fortunatus*, what is the Price of them; 500 Crowns said the Host, here is your Money said *Fortunatus*; and so taking them, he departed; when travelling forwards some distance thence, he espied a great Village with a Castle in it, standing upon a Hill, and thither he repaired with all speed, as hoping there to light of a good Horse, the which in his former Inn he could not do; when he came thither, he asked for the best Inn in the Town, and being directed to it, he sat him down, and called for Provision, which his Host brought him, then falling into discourse, he asked him, whether he knew not of any good Horses that were to be sold thereabouts, to which the Host replied, that there were three exceeding fair Horses which had been lately brought to that Town by a Merchant, intending to dispose of them at the Entertainment that was to be made by the Duke of Orleans, upon the account of his Wedding with the fair Isabella, Daughter to the King of Arragon; then was *Fortunatus* desirous to see them, but the Host told him that the Earl *Rodolphus* had bidden 300 Crowns for them, and that the Merchant refused to take under 300 Crowns; no matter for the Price, said *Fortunatus*, if to I but like them; and thereupon he desired his Host to go with him to the place where they were, which he did, and smiled as he went, to think how he should lose his labour, for he did not imagine *Fortunatus* had Money to purchase them; but coming to the Merchant after having well view'd them, *Fortunatus* drew out the Money, and payed it down, and had the Horses delivered to him, the

the which he and his Host conveyed to the Inn, where he gave order for rich Saddles to be made, and such Furniture as was wanting, desiring the Host likewise to hearken out for two trusty Servants, whom he would furnish with all things necessary; but whilst he was making these Preparations, the Earl sent as much Money as was demanded for the Horses: When finding that they were gone, he grew exceeding angry, and sent again to enquire who he was that durst buy them out of his hands; and having understood at what Inn they were, he sent his Servants thither, who coming to the Host, demanded if such Horses were in his Stables; to which he answered, Yes: Then said they, our Lord has sent to know the man that durst to buy them out of his hands; Why truly said the Host, he is a stranger and came in by accident; when amongst other things, he asked me, whether any good Horses were to be sold thereabouts? and accordingly I told him; but did not think by his Word he was able to buy an Ass: As for Furniture he brought it with him, but how he came by it, I know not. Nay, said the Servant, in all likelihood he has robbed and murder'd some Gentleman upon the Road, and thereupon he departed in a great rage.

C H A P. VII.

How the Earl caused *Fortunatus* to be apprehended, and cast into Prison, till he gave an account how he came by his Money; and was obliged to deliver the Horses, and Three hundred Crowns.

The Earl having notice of all that had passed, sent immediately to apprehend *Fortunatus* in his Inn, who then by the Counsel of his Host, was preparing to depart; but having told him, they brought him before their Lord, who after many reproachful words, demanded whence he was, and how he came by so much Money, as to buy such high priz'd Horses out of his hands: As to the first, he answered, That he was the Son of a poor Courtier of the City of Famagosta in the Isle of Cyprus: As to the second, he said, What Money

Money he had, he came honestly by it, and therefore ought not to be questioned about it, unless any could prove to the contrary; adding, that he never yet wronged any body of one farthing: But the Earl angrily told him, that it was not likely such a fellow as he should have so much Money, unless he had robbed or murdered some person for it; and thereupon ordered him to be fastened to the Rack, in order to force him to a Confession; yet he resolved rather to suffer the worst Extremity, than to confess the secret Vertue of his fortunate Purse; but being put to exceeding Torture, he desired them to take him from off the Rack, and he would confess; the which they did, and brought him before the Earl from out the Prison, where when he had first begged Mercy, he said, As I Yesterday was travelling in a Forest, so chanced, that I found a Purse with 620 Crowns in it: In what Forest, said the Earl? A Forest about four Miles from this place; Why you Varlet, then said the Earl with a stern Countenance, will you rob me of my Right? for know, that I am Lord of the Forest, it and that whatever is found there, appertains to me: I knew not that said Fortunatus, and therefore humbly crabe your pardon; but said the Earl, you shall be made to know it ere you depart, and therefore first tell me what is become of the Purse and Money? As for the Purse, replied Fortunatus, I took the Money out of it, and threw it into a Brook that runs through the Forest; but if it should please your Honour to take the rest of the Money, here it is: That shall not serve, said the Earl, for I will not onely take your Money, but your Life; and therefore against to Morrow prepare for your Execution.

This made Fortunatus exceeding sad, and began to wish that he had chosen wisdom instead of riches, by which he easily might have escaped such troubles, but seeing that power and tyranny would have its way, fell upon his Knees, and with tears besought the Earl to spare his Life, and take both the Horses and the Money; for, said he, what will it avail you to take away my Life that am such a miserable Creature? but if you spare me, I shall ever extole your Clemency and Goodness.

This and the Intreaty of the Earls Servants, but especially the Countesses Gentlewomen, moved him to relent, so that having taken an

an Oath of him never to discover what had passed, he gave him two Crowns back, and sent his servants to see him out of Town, where they left him; at which Fortunatus did not a little rejoyce, so much as he had his dear Companion the Purse to bear him company, then having absured ever coming within that Earls Jurisdiction any more, he departed towards Brittain; and after some time, came to Angiers, a considerable City of that Dukedom, where at that time was held a great Feast, in Honour of the Marriage of the Dukes Daughter with the Prince of Saxony; upon which occasion a great number of Lords and others, were come thither gallantly attended: upon which, Fortunatus notwithstanding his late bad success by dealing in horse flesh, bought three more horses and put himself in a splendid Equipage, and likewise hired two servants, and betook himself to the best Inn, where he kept company and conversed with the best, and so continued in great splendor till the Celebration of the Marriage.

CH A P. XII.

How an *Irish* Gentleman was entertained by *Fortunatus* as his Companion, and what befell them in their Travels.

Whilst Fortunatus continued at this City, he spent most part of his time in seeing the pastimes which were made as Pompous Shows, Masques, Dauncing, Tilt, Turnament, and many other Noble Exercises; and so being used every day to depart from the Inn with his men, the Host began at last to mistrust he would give him the slip as some others had done, and thereupon acquainted him with his thought, at which Fortunatus smiling, put his hand into his Purse, and pulled out a hundred Crowns, the which he gave to the Host: saying, here honest fellow take this, and when thou thinkest thou have had as much as it comes to ask for more, I shall not be very inquisitive to know the account.

At this the Host began to look very pleasant ever after, shewing great respect to Fortunatus, setting him at the upper end of the Table;

Table, and handing him the choicest dishes of meats, and best wine; though several Noble Persons eyes were present.

Not long after, as he was sitting at dinner with six Earls and ten Lords, besides other Gentlemen of good fashion; several Musicians came and offered to play before them, telling them that they had been Gentlemen, but were now fallen to decay, and were forced to take up that employ for their living; when they had played a good while, an Earl at the Table asked one of them that was more likely than the rest, what Countryman he was? who replied that he was an Irishman, and had spent all his Estate in traveling; for, said he, I have been in most parts of the World, and can name, and have seen most of the Emperors, Kings, and Sovereign Princes in Europe, Asia, and Africa; and can describe the Splendor of their Courts, the manners and customs of their Countries, and speak most Languages, with many other things.

Then they asked him his name, who told them he was called Leopaldus, and came of a worshipful family, which appeared no less in his Carriage and posibly Demeanour; upon which the Nobility and Gentry being moved to Compassion, that so goodly a person should be reduced to poverty, they liberally distributed Money amongst him and his Companions, and desired him to stay and attend them whilst the Feast continued; for which, not onely he, but the rest returned their Honours a thousand thanks: Then one of the Earls asked him if he would be willing to live with him, and become a Tutor, and he should never want; but he excused it, saying, He had left a Wife and Children in his own Country, which he much longed to see.

Now Fortunatus who had curiously observed the Man, began to think with himself, could I but procure him for my Companion in Travel, I should think my self happy; and thereupon when Dinner was ended, he sent privately for him to come to his Chamber, where when he entered, Fortunatus Saluted him after the most courteous manner, and told him that he was minded to spend the residue of his Days in Travel, and that if he would become his Companion, he would so provide for him, that he should ever have plenty; as likewise provide a Horse for himself, and another for a man who should wait on him.

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To this Leopaldus replied, That he could be well content with such a Proffer, if it were not that he so much longed to see his Wife and Children, which had been the occasion of his return out of far Countries; to which Fortunatus answered him, That if he would make him a solemn promise, that he would afterwards accompany him, he would go with him into Ireland first, and bear his Charges thither, and then we will return to Cyprus the Isle wherein I was born, and so from thence by Sea and Land, travel into other Countries and Kingdoms as thou shalt think best fit.

At this Leopaldus inwardly rejoiced; but having known the exceeding Expence of Travel, had thought with himself that Fortunatus could never be able to perform what he promised; and thereupon told him, unless he had great Sums of Money, it was in vain to undertake what he proposed: Let me alone for that, said Fortunatus, for I shall have Money in all places where I come; If it be so, said Leopaldus, and thou wilt perform thy promise, I am content; and thereupon Leopaldus having a Horse provided for him, and another for his Man, which Fortunatus caused to be hired: after the Host was discharged, they departed the City, and so visiting many fair Cities and Towns, at last they came to Bruges in Flanders, where taking Shipping they came for London, where having stayed awhile, they departed for Scotland, still visiting all Places of note as they passed; and from Scotland they Sailed over Sea into Ireland, where coming to Londonderry, and from thence to Waldrick, where was his own House, he was not known, by reason of the Alteration his long Absence had made; but finding his Wife and Children all in good Health, he by many Tokens made them understand who he was, to their no small Joy; the next day came thither Fortunatus and his Men, who perceiving that Leopoldus was but slenderly provided, gave him a 100 Crowns, bidding him go and buy such Provision as was convenient, and Invite the chief of his Neighbours to Dinner, the which he did, and very splendidly entertained them.

When Fortunatus had stayed there about a Month, he was desirous to be gone, and acquainted Leopoldus with the same, giving him 2000 Crowns to leave with his Wife and Children, and so af-

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ter Leave taken, and some Tears shed at parting, Leopoldus went with Fortunatus; and as they journeyed, he told him of S. Patrick's Purgatory which was in their way some Miles distant from Waldrink: this made Fortunatus desirous to see; insomuch that when they came to the Abbey, Leopoldus went to the Abbot, and told him that a strange Lord was arrived there, and was very desirous to see S. Patrick's Purgatory, to which he consented, provided the Fees were paid to those that kept it: which Fortunatus not onely did, but likewise presented the Abbot with a Cask of the best Wine that could be got in the Town of Yernecks where the Abby stood: So that in requital the Abbot invited him and Leopoldus to Dinner, and at their request told them, that the Town wherein the Abby stood was once a wild Desert or Wilderness, and that one Patrick a Devout man, was wont to leave his Monastery and resort thither to Prayers: When one day finding a large Hole in the Ground, over-grown with Buihes, he enter'd therein, and finding the Inside more large and spacious, all arched over with Pumice, and supported with Pillars of Earth; he ventured yet further, when striking into a winding Path, he lost his way and could not get out again, but was as-



saulted with fierce Winds as hot as the steam of a Furnace, and heard many doleful Cries and Groans; upon which he fell upon his knees,

knée, and prayed God to deliver him out of that place, for his Mercies sake, when as he was taken up and carried out of the away, he came in; whereupon it was ever since called S. Patrick's Purgatory, and this Abby builded in token of his Deliberance.

This made Fortunatus the more desirous to see it, and resting that Night, he got up the next Morning, and having shried himself, and said his Prayers devoutly, he, together with Leopoldus who offered to accompany him, went into a Hole behind the Altar, to which there was a Door, and a pair of Stairs of earth; when they were in, the Monks shut the Door after them, and prayed for their happy return as they used to do for others that had gone in before them, and withal admonished them not to venture too far, lest they were lost, as many Pilgrims had been, who were not found again in three or four days.

Fortunatus and Leopoldus being in, went forwards about a 100 paces, and coming into a narrow passage that they could go but one a breast, they turned so often, that they at last were lost in the Labyrinth, not knowing when they went backwards or when forwards, so that they continued wandring too and fro for the space of two days, hearing loud Shrieks and Groans, and now and then felt hot flashes, which so amazed them, that they wished they had never ventured in; and besides Hunger began to assault them very grievously, insomuch that Fortunatus began to say, that now his Purke was useless, and that notwithstanding he had Gold and Silver, yet that would not satisfy Nature, but that they must now starve with Hunger; and thereupon they both fell upon their knees, and made a Vow, that if God would be pleased to deliver them this once, they would never be so rashly venturous again.

Now the third Day came, and the Servants without being very impatient of their Masters stay, called at the Mouth of the Hole, and held in lighted Torches, but in vain; when as not only they, but the Abbot and Priests were in great perplexity, as thinking Fortunatus and Leopoldus were either lost or dead; insomuch that they began to sing Mass for their Souls, whenas the Abbot calling an old man to mind who had measured the Hole with Ropes, he sent for him, and willed him to go in and look for two Gentlemen that had

lost themselves therein; the which upon the Servants promise, that their Masters should give him a 100 Crowns, he undertook; saying, if they were alive he would bring them thence: Whereupon taking with him a lighted Torch, and a Pipe, he entered; but that Torch soon went out, yet he passed on playing upon his Pipe; and after having gone a thousand paces, began to hollow to them, who with faint Voices answered, till at last he being directed by the Sound, came to them, and informed them that he was come to fetch them out; and taking them by the hand, bid them follow him, which they did with no small content; when they came out, they were exceeding feeble, yet greatly rejoiced at their Deliverance: So that when Fortunatus his men told him how they had agreed with the old man for a 100 Crowns, he gave him 200, and then ordaining a sumptuous Dinner, he Invited the Abbot and the rest, and desired them to return God thanks for the great Deliverance he had sent them, giving 200 Crowns amongst the Priests, and after leave taken, departed; and taking Ship, set Sail for Calice, and from thence went to Paris, and so over-land to Rome, seeing many Countries, and strange things in their way.

CH A P. XIII.

How *Fortunatus* Travelled from *Rome* to *Constantinople*, and what befell him at the Coronation of the Emperor.

Fortunatus and Leopoldus having continued at Rome some time, to take notice of the Splendor and Pomp of the Bishops Court, departed thence for Venice; whereupon News had, that the Emperor of Constantinople, intended to Crown his Son Emperor, by reason he was so old that he could not Weild the Government as he ought; the State of Venice resolved to send an Ambassador with several Presents to congratulate his Establishment in the Empire: And now the Gallies being ready, Fortunatus so ordered the matter with the Captain of one of them, that he got leave for him and his Retinue to pass to Constantinople therein; when
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after ten days Sail they came within sight of the City, and were met by some of the Emperors Gallies who were sent to welcome them; and coming on shore, the Ambassador had a stately House provided him; but as for Fortunatus, Leopoldus, and their Men, they were forced to betake themselves to an Inn, which proved none of the best; for the Host was a Thief, and usually watched his opportunity to rob his Guests when they were sleeping, was dreamed of no such matter; so that the Host perceiving Fortunatus to have great store of Money, he resolved to make hold with some of it; and therefore in their absence got into their Chamber through a private Door, and searched all about, but found no Money; so that he concluded they carried it all about them, and so resolved when they payd again, to watch where they put it.

A while after *Fortunatus* came to pay, and putting his hand under the Table, pulled out Money, and gave it to Leopoldus to pay the Reckoning, that it might not be perceived from whence he had it; so that the Host marking him well, supposed it was hid in his Cloaths, and was resolved the next Night to put in with him for a snack: Now *Fortunatus* in the midst of his Merriments remembered the time was come wherein he was to perform his Vow made to Dame Fortune, about bestowing 400 Crowns on a Virgin in Marriage; and thereupon he called his Host, and asked him if he knew any honest man that had a fair Daughter to bestow, and he would give her a Portion: the Host told him that a Neighbor of his had one who was marriagable; upon which *Fortunatus* bid the Host go to her Parents, and bid them bring her the next Morning; which the Host neglected to do, saying, She was gone abroad, and would not return till late the next Morrow-evening: the which he did, because they should not part with their Money till he had put in for a share; so that when they were in Bed, and sleeping soundly by reason they were tired the day before at the noble Pastimes that were held in the City; about Midnight the Host came through his private Door; and first coming to Leopoldus, he felt and soon found his Purse, and took from thence 50 Duckets; then coming to *Fortunatus*, he felt his Purse likewise, but not putting his hand into it, he could not perceive any Money; for such was the Secret, that to

all those that felt the outside, it felt empty; whereupon the Host having cut it from off his Girdle, thrust it under the Bed; and so setting open all the Doors and Windows departed: when about the third Watch Leopoldus awaked, and spying all the Windows open, called to his Servants, as likewise to Fortunatus, fearing what had hapned; when the Servants were awakened, he chid them extremely for leaving open the Doors and Windows; but they stoutly affirmed, that they shut them fast when they went to Bed: upon which Leopoldus feeling for his Purse, found it gone; and calling to Fortunatus, told him that he was robbed; Fortunatus starting up between sleep and wake, found his Purse gone also; and thereupon he fell into such extream sorrow; that he swooned away, which caused no small stir amongst the Servants; so that the Host who all this while stood listning, came in, and angerly demanded why they made such ado to trouble the whole House? Whereupon they told him they were robbed; to which he replied, Like enough so, perhaps you have Thieves amongst your selves, and have robbed one another: But when he beheld Fortunatus in that condition, he also assisted to bring him to himself again, telling them that they ought to have looked to their Doors and Windows at a time when so many Thieves were abroad.

When Fortunatus came to himself, he was exceeding sorrowful; upon which the Host asked him, how much Money he had lost? Who replied, not much; but that he had lost a Purse with a Bill of Exchange in it worth 1000 Crowns, though it would do them little or no good that had it; for they could not receive the Money unless he gave his discharge. Now the Host that knew where the Purse was become, bid him search about; for, said he, it may be thrown somewhere in the Room, for few Thieves care for an empty Purse: Whereupon Fortunatus his Men began to look about very diligently, and at last under the Bed espied the Purse, which they took up, and delivered to their Master, who did not a little rejoyce that he had recovered it; but fearing least by its being cut from his Girdle, it might have lost its Vertue, he secretly put it under the Bed-cloaths, and then thrusting in his hand, drew out Money as formerly; then he began to rejoyce, and putting on his Cloaths, caused a Fire to be

he made, and Wine to be brought: when the Morning was far gone, his Horses being made ready, he rode abroad, and in his way ordered Leopoldus and his Servants to stay at a Tavern till he went to his Archdeacon, and took Monneys thence sufficient for his purpose; so that having bought five new Horses, he put in one of them 100 Crowns, the which he gave to Leopoldus to buy necessaries, and into the rest 10 Crowns apiece, the which he gave to his Men every one, bidding them be careful of Thieves for the future; then went he and took out 400 Crowns; which he had promised to bestow upon the Maid in Marriage, and so returned to his Inn, and willed his Host to go again to the Parents of the Maid; which he did, and finding her likewise at home, he told the Father upon what account he came, : How that a Gentleman that lodged at his Inn, desired him to bring his Daughter thither, and he would do good for her in order to procure her a happy Match: but the old man thinking it was a Trap to get his Daughter thither to Debauch her, would by no means consent; saying, That his Daughters Virginitie was all she had to set her off in Marriage, and if by any means she should lose that, she would not only undo her self, but be a stain to all her Kindred; and said he, I know there are many slippery Blades abroad, therefore I will not trust my Daughter from home amongst them; but if the Gentleman has any good meaning, and intends to see my Daughter, let him come to my house and he shall be welcom; but to let her come to any Gentleman abroad, I will not.

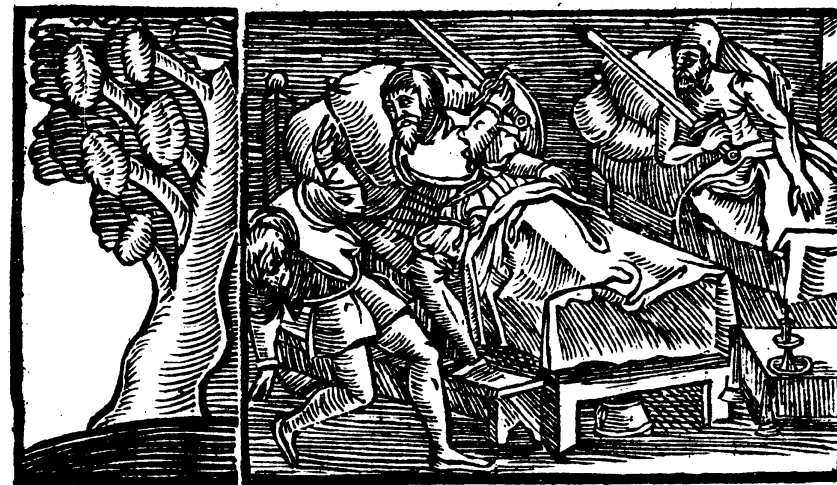
At this the Host being much displeased, departed; and told Fortunatus all that had passed, endeavouring to incense him against the Virgin, and to bestow his Money upon some other; but Fortunatus very well approving of the Fathers blunt and well-meaning, caused his Servants to make ready his Horse, and to attend him thither; the Host being there when they came to the Door, the Host knocked hard, and the good man opening the same; he told him, that since he refused to let his Daughter come to the Gentleman, he was come to her: which the good Woman hearing and perceiving his Splendid Equipage, she run and caused the Wench to put on her best Cloaths, and pick up her Ears after the best manner she could:

could; and so with as much trouble as it is to bring a Bear to the Stake, brought her into the Room where Fortunatus was; who taking him to be a Prince at least, fell down on her knees before him, but he gently raised her, telling the Father on what account he came; therefore said he, if there be any young-man that is deserving of her hereabouts, let him come and I will give him a good Portion with her. At which the Mother told him, Yes, there was a Neighbour's Son who loved her intirely, and would have wedded her long ago, had not his Parents restrained him, by reason her Portion was no ways answerable to his: Then Fortunatus asked the Maid, if she liked the Youth? to which she replied, She would be ruled by her Parents, and what they thought fit should be a law with her: Nay, nay, says her Mother, and it shall please your Majesty, she likes him well enough, and has upon my faith and Troath a Month's mind to him, but that the Baggage is shame-far'd: Then Fortunatus ordered the Youth to be sent for, and found that they were of a fit age to be coupled; whereupon Fortunatus asked him, if he could like to take that Virgin for his Wife, if he would give her a Portion? to which he answered, With a very good will, if he would give her any thing considerable; for I love her well enough, but dare not marry her without a Portion, least my Friends should disinheret me: And then he asked the Maid if she was willing, who modestly replied, Yes; then the Friends being had, he sent for a Priest, who having joyned them in Matrimony, he delivered to the young-man a Purse with 400 Crowns, who with many scrapings and cringings received the same: He also gave Money to the Parents of the Maid to buy them Cloaths, and provide the Wedding-Dinner; for which they gave him a thousand thanks, and praised God that had raised them up such a Friend in time of need. Then *Fortunatus* departed to his Inn and went to Dinner; *Leopoldus* and the rest not a little wondering how he came by so much Money.

CHAP. XIV.

How *Leopoldus* slew the Thievish Host, and how he and *Fortunatus* made their Escapes afterward.

NOW the Feast being almost at an end, the Host began to Plot how he might come in for some more money, as well-knowing *Fortunatus* would be gone as soon as the Sports were over; and thereupon he resolved as formerly he had done, to come in at the privy Door and rob them; but when he understood that they burnt Wax Tapers all Night, he was somewhat fearful of being discovered: but had not long cast about for a Project, but he found one; which was this: He getting in when they were all abroad, bo'd holes in the Tapers, and putting Water therein, stopped them close again; so that when *Fortunatus* and the rest after Supper were gone to Bed, he watched till the Light went out, and then he entered the Chamber as formerly; and came first to *Leopoldus* his Bed, where by his too much tumbling the Cloaths to find out his Money, he was wa-



ked; when as *Leopoldus* whose Sword lay ready, espied him by the light of the Moon, he struck at him with such force, that giving him
a Cut

a Cut over the Neck, he fetched a great groan and fell down dead ; then he called to the Servants, asking them why they had put out the Lights : saying, Here are Thieves in the Room, therefore stand upon your Guards and suffer none to go out : Upon this Fortunatus awoke and caused the Servants to strike fire, the which no sooner appeared, but they found their Host weltring in his blood, and gasping for life ; whereupon they were sore abashed : but especially Fortunatus, who said, O Leopoldus, what hast thou done ? now for this Murderer shall we be all hanged ; had not we better have lost our Money, than Life and Money both, as now in most likelihood we shall : To which Leopoldus replied, that he did not doubt this was the Thief that robbed them before, and that it not being light to discern who he smote, he knew it not to be his Host ; nor, as it is, said he, is it any other than a Thief I have killed ? therefore if the truth were known, we should not be in danger. Nay, but replied Fortunatus, We may say what we will, we shall not be believed in our own Case, I have had experience of that once before ; and he up and told him the Story of the Murder in England, wishing secretly that some rich Merchant of the City knew the Vertue of his Purse, that he might get him with a great Sum of Money to Bribe the Judge for his Deliv'ry ; but then, thought he, if he get such an inestimable Treasure into his hands, he will not lightly part with it, but rather incense the Judge to dispatch us, that he may enjoy the Treasure.

Whilst he was in these and such like Perplexities, Leopoldus bid him be of good Courage ; for, said he, I will soon rid you of your fear : I would you could, said Fortunatus, and that I was far enough hence ; why then said Leopoldus follow my Advice, and in so doing you shall be safe before Night comes again : Then Fortunatus and the Servants promised to do what ever he should counsel them : Said he, whilst it is yet dark and none are stirring, let the Body be conveyed into the Court-yard, and there cast it into the Well, and afterwards wipe up the blood ; then all of you shew merriness and pleasant Countenances, and so as soon as it is light we will pay our Reckoning and depart : This they agreed to, and immediately two of the Servants took up the Body and carried it to the Well,



Well, where they threw it in head foremost, as Leopoldus had directed them, cleansing the Chamber of the blood ; and when it was Morning got up and ordered their Horses to be made ready, being all very cheerful, after which they called for Wine, and paying what they had had the day before, they gave to every one of the Servants two Duckets, telling them they were sorry they had not the opportunity of drinking with their Host ; but notwithstanding they would shortly return and thank him for his kindness : So the Servants dismissed them with many thanks, not dreaming their Master's being murdered.

When they were got out of the City, they rode towards Turkey with all speed, not stopping till they had rid about 30 Miles, and then only Baiting a little, they set forward again, and were so swift to avoid pursuit, that they rode 100 Miles that day ; the next day they set forward again, and came to Achipania, a City garrison'd with Turks, and governed by a Bashaw ; there they were not suffered to pass through without a Pass-port from the Governour, which Leopoldus for 24 Crowns obtained : then had they an experienced Guide allotted them, who had for his Wages a Crown every day ; this Guide conducted them to the Great Turks Palace, and then, and not till then, could Fortunatus be out of fear lest he should be pursued :

ed: here they staid a Month to behold the Splendor and Magnificence of a Palace which for Riches and stately Building surpassed the Courts of all the Christian Princes, had they been united in one; but seeing that they were for the most part Heathens, and consequently God's enemies, they would have no Discourse, nor keep company with any of them: from thence they, crossing the Country, passed through Bononia, Hungaria, Bohemia, Saxony, Dalmatia, Swevia, Denmark, and many other places, viewing the Monuments and stately Buildings as they passed, and at last went into Italy; where passing through the Dukedoms of Millain, Florence, Ferrara, Mantua, and the Kingdom of Naples, they at last came to Venice, which was then a place for Merchandize, the Richest in the World; there he bought many costly Jewels, Pearls, Gold Fringe, and Gold Embroideries, with Velvet and other costly Stuff. Now after 16 years absence, resolving to return into his own Country to visit his Parents; when he came to Famogolta, he heard they were dead, for which he greatly sorrowed; and being shewed the place of their Burial, he stately Monument to be erected, with this Inscription;

Under this Marble Pile these Victims lie,
Whose Names Death has not pow'r for to destroy;
But unto after Ages they shall live,
And an Example to true Lovers give.
Fam'd *Theodorus*, *Fortunatus's* Father,
And beauteous *Greciana* his dear Mother
Lie here Intomb'd, their Bodies here do lie,
But their great Souls are wrap'd above the Sky.

After this he built him a fair House, and entertained several Maid-servants, bought him a Coach and other things necessary; so that the Gentry began to wonder how he came by such vast Sums of Money, when as all of them knew he departed extream poor.

C H A P. XV.

How *Fortunatus*, by the Kings Command, was married to fair *Cassandra*, Daughter to the Lord *Nemina*.

W^HITHIN a while after his Arrival in Cyprus, he purchased the greatest part of his Fathers Estate, which was Sold and Mortgaged; then built he a fair Palace, a Church and Chantry, with Houses for 12 Priests, endowing them with 1400 Crowns a year; made stately Parks, Gardens, Fountains, and Fish-ponds, with many other rare Devices; Insomuch that most of the Noble-men of Cyprus were proud of his Company, and many were very desirous to match their Daughters to him: Insomuch that the King himself taking notice of it, and being in discourse with the Lord *Nemina*, who had three fair Daughters; he asked him what he thought if *Fortunatus* should request one of his Daughters in marriage? Why truly, replied he, and it may please your Majesty, I do not think it fit, for I perceive he has no great Estate, and although he has ready Money, he is so prodigal both in Expences and Building, that it cannot last long; and therefore I helieve your Majesty would not advise me to match any of my Daughters to him, least, as his father did, he at last should come to poverty, notwithstanding his Riches: Indeed, said the King, he has built a fair Palace, and many other stately Edifices, yet his Estate is not at all Impaired; for I have been informed that he has Jewels by him worth 100000 Crowns, and yet he will not sell one of them; therefore if you will take my Advice, offer him one of your Daughters, and I will second the matter.

By this the Earl perceiving that *Fortunatus* was highly in the Kings Favour, he said, Well, if it please your Majesty, I will commit my Daughters to your dispose, and with whatever your Majesty shall do, I will be well satisfied: to which the King answered, That since he reposed so much trust in him, he would not only give her in marriage, but give her a Dowry likewise; and thereupon ordered the Earl to send his three Daughters to the Queen: Whereupon he went

home and acquainted his Wife with what had hapned, with which she seemed at first displeased, but after he urged it was the Kings pleasure, she was contented; and thereupon sent her three Daughters well attended, and in costly Carbs to the Queen, who received them joyfully.

The King having notice that they were come, he sent for Fortunatus, telling him, that he understood he had a design to take him a Wife, and that he being loath any of base Extraction should possess so fair and costly a Building, himself would, if he thought fit, provide him One of Noble Birth, and such an One as he doubted not but would please him: Whereupon Fortunatus bowing low, gave his Majesty many thanks, saying, That indeed he intended to seek out for a Wife; but since his Majesty had so far condescended as to give himself the trouble of providing him One, he would not look any further, but wholly submit to what his Majesty thought fit: Then said the King, I have in my Palace three fair Virgins, Daughters to the Lord of Nemina, of those you shall take your choice; therefore say whether you will see them separate, or altogether: At this Fortunatus paused not, but replied, If it may please your Majesty, I would see them together, and hear them speak one after another; that you shall, said the King; and thereupon sent one of his Pages to the Queen, to get the Ladies in a readiness, for that he was to bring a Guest into the Presence-Chamber; and having notice that they were prepared, he took Fortunatus by the hand, who likewise desired that Leopoldus might go with him, which the King consenting to, they went all three together; when being come, the King sat down and caused the Ladies to be brought before him, and placed in order according to their years, the eldest being named Germania, the next Marcepia, and the youngest Cassandra.

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CHAP. XVI.

How *Fortunatus* having his choice of the Lord *Nemina's* three Daughters, chose the youngest, whose Name was *Cassandra*, to whom he was married in the presence of the King of *Cyprus*.

The Ladies being placed in order, the King demanded of the eldest, whether she had rather continue at Court and be one of the Queens Maids of Honour, or with her Father and Mother; to which, with a modest Deportment, she answered; That may it please my Sovereign Lord the King, it is not seemly that I should dispose of my self, but rather that I submit to what your Majesty or my Father shall think most convenient; then said the King to the next, tell me *Marcenia* which from your heart you love best, the Earl your Father, or the Countess your Mother: to which she replied, That is a hard Question, and therefore I must humbly beg your Majesties pardon to excuse me, if I answer not directly to this Point; because I love them both so well, I know not how to incline to either hand, and therefore must be silent as to my report in that Affair; then the King said, *Cassandra* pray thee tell me, should your Father and Mother be here, and several young Nobles were dancing, and if your Mother should bid you Dance, and your Father forbid the same, which would you choose to obey: Indeed my Gracious Sovereign, said she, that Question is unanswerable, especially upon such short warning, and by one whose tender years are not capable of discerning things as they are, for should I obey one, I should disobey the other, and on either hand prove disobedient.

The King having asked them thus far, ordered them to withdraw; and then he asked Fortunatus which he best approved of: truly my Gracious Lord, I like them all so well, that on a sudden the Choice is difficult; therefore if your Majesty will permit me to retire for an hours space to consult with my Friend about the matter, I will return your Majesty an account of my Choice, which the King consented to; and thereupon they retired into the withdrawing Room; where

where Fortunatus asked Leopoldus what he thought, and how he would advise him to make his Choice? but Leopoldus declined it, saying, That in matters of Love there could be no direct Choice made but by the Party who was to enjoy the Lady; for says he, What may seem most beautiful to me, may in your opinion seem otherwise; and therefore pray excuse me in this particular: but when Fortunatus urged, he said, Well, seeing you will have it so, do you sit at one end of the Table, and I will sit at the other, and there we will write the Name of her, who we best like; you as you think fit, and I according to my opinion: This pleased Fortunatus well, and when they had both written, they compared the Names, and they were one and the same; so that Fortunatus sweetly rejoiced that Leopoldus had approved of his Choice, and then went he joyfully to the King, and told him he had chose Cassandra; whereupon the King ordered her to be brought, and sending for his Chaplain instantly, caused them to be married, though to the no little surprize of the La-



dy, who was not above 14 years of age, and the rather by reason her Parents were absent at the Wedding.

After the Celebration of the Marriage, Fortunatus and his Wife were joyed by the King, Queen, and Nobles, but the Sisters of Cassandra wept for madness that their younger Sister should be chosen

chosen and they neglected; which Fortunatus perceiving, comforted them in the best manner, and sent for his Casket of Jewels which he had purchased at Venice, and after having presented the fairest to the King and Queen; he bestowed the rest upon his Wife and her Sisters, as likewise upon the Queens Ladys and Maids of Honour: he also sent Leopoldus with a present of 1000 Crowns to the Countess of Nemina, as also to desire the Earl to repair to Court. The Countess when she understood he had chosen her youngest Daughter, whom she entirely loved, was somewhat displeased, but dissimbling the matter, she and the Earl come to Court in the most splendid manner they could: and at their arrival were welcomed by the King and Queen, and all the Nobility; as likewise by Fortunatus, who bestowed richer presents on them than before, which quite dissolved the Countesses displeasure; insonmuch that they thanked God and the King, that they had provided her Daughter so brave and rich a Husband, especially when she perceived how highly Fortunatus was in the Kings Favour.

Then said the King, I think it convenient that the Wedding Feast be kept in our Palace; nay, said Fortunatus, I beseech your Majesty let it be at my own House in Famogosta; it would content me, said the King, that it should be there, were it not for the excessive charge it will put you to; no matter for that, said Fortunatus, for there is nothing that can be had in all the Isle of Cyprus, but it shall be there at your Majesties service; and if it shall please your Majesty to ordain Tilts and Turnaments, I shall be exceeding glad, that I may prove my self a man before your Majesty; to all this the King consented, and ordered his Nobles to be ready within two days, to depart for Famogosta; as likewise the Ladys that waited upon the Queen, and others: and for that day the Bridegroom and Bride dined privately with the King and Queen.

C H A P. XVII.

How *Fortunatus* and his Bride, were accompanied by the King and Queen to *Famogosta*, and what happened there, during the Wedding Feast.

Fortunatus having the Kings consent to go with him to *Famogosta*; sent *Leopoldus* with 2000 Crowns to buy provision for the entertainment, who so well managed the matter, that at the Kings arrival all things were in a readiness; there was he met in the great Court by all manner of Musicians playing Melodiously, and entering the Hall, presented with Gorgeous lights: brave Dancing and Odoriferous smells, Seeling being dressed with Silver Shells, wrought in the Curiouslest manner: and the sides of Cedar, Gilt with Gold; as likewise several Lamps of Silver, burning Spicery Oyl, that cast a fragrant smell.

When the Table was spread, the King, and all the Nobility wondered at the store, saying, that they had not seen the like in Cyprus before, and all that day continued they exceeding merry: but when night came, *Fortunatus* was desirous to go to Bed with his Bride, for as yet he had not bedded her; whereupon the King, Queen, Lords, and Ladys, accompanied them to their Chamber, and there used such Diversion as is usual upon the Wedding Night; which made the young Bride blush, but they retiring, left her to the embraces of *Fortunatus*, who, 'tis to be supposed, in the like case would have been.

The Feast lasted 14 days, and then urgent business at Court calling the King away, he sent for *Fortunatus*, as likewise the Earl his Father-in-Law, and the Countess; and gave them all thanks for his entertainment, but the Countess appearing somewhat Melancholly, the King asked the cause: when as she told him, that she feared her Son-in-Law would soon waste all he had, so that her Daughter would be reduced to Poverty; therefore she should not be content unless he would settle some Dowry in Land upon her; to which *Fortunatus* replied, that he confessed his Lands were small, but as for ready money, I will give 8000 Duckates into my Father-in-Laws hands to dispose of as he shall think fit, for the good of my Wife; which the King

King no sooner heard, but he told them it was very opportunely hit; for said he, the Earl of *Litgorn* is about to sell a Lordship, with a Castle and other Appurtenances, being necessitated for ready money, and if you think good I will send for him; to this they all agreed, and when the Earl was come, the King acquainted him with the matter: upon which to the great content of all parties, a bargain was driven, the Earl of *Litgorn* in lieu of 7000 Duckets delivering up his Title to the said Lordship, with the Government of the Village to *Fortunatus*, who delivered the Charge thereof to his Father-in-law for the use of *Callandra*, which pleased the Countess beyond measure.

C H A P. XVIII.

How after the Departure of the King, Queen and Nobility, *Fortunatus* ordained a Feast for all the chief Citizens.

During the Kings stay, *Fortunatus* set up three Jewels of great price, the first the Nobility Titled for, he that did best being to possess the same; the second was provided for the Squires and Gentlemen; the third for the Citizens, Women and Servants, which caused them to stay for nine days; which Pastime exceedingly pleased the King and all present. Now the time came that at the end of fourteen days, the King and Queen with the rest of the Nobility would depart, *Fortunatus* with all his Attendants accompanied them Ten Miles outward of their way, and then the King desiring him to return, he came back to his Wife, and calling his Servants together, gave order that within two days they should provide another Feast for the Citizens and Gentlemen thereabouts; which was accordingly done, it holding four days with great plenty of Mirth.

The Feast ended, *Fortunatus* taking *Leopoldus* aside, said; Forasmuch as thou hast faithfully served me hitherto, I will now propose to thee three Things, take thy choice of either: First, if thou art minded to return into Ireland, I will give thee four Servants to attend

attend thee, and as much Money as shall maintain thee during life. Secondly, If thou wilt live in the House with me (for I am not now mindfull of Travel) I will maintain thee to thy hearts content. Thirdly, If it shall otherways like thee, I will give thee a Horse in this City, and maintain Servants to wait upon thee, and thou shalt lack nothing during life: For these kind Offers Leopoldus greatly thanked him, saying, he was unworthy of them; As for the first, I being now spent with Age and Travel, by reason of the tediousness of the way, shall hardly get thither; and for the second, seeing you have a fair Lady to accompany you, and many Servants, my being in the House will be needless; therefore if it shall so please you, I will embrace the latter: with which Fortunatus was content, and bought him a Horse, provided him Servants, and all Necessaries, allowing him 20 Duckets a week: Then Leopoldus prayed that he might be still of his Council in all weighty Affairs, and that he would not suffer his love towards him to decay, which he solemnly swore to observe. In a while after, Leopoldus sent into Ireland for his Wife and Children, acquainting them by Letters of the prosperous Condition he was in, and wished them to sell off what they had and come to him; but before their arrival, he, by reason of a grievous sickness, died, to the great grief of Fortunatus and his Lady, who caused him to be buried in a fair Tomb in the Chancel of the Church which he had built; and upon the arrival of Leopoldus his Wife and Children, he entertained them courteously, comforting them in the best manner, and placing them in the house he had given to Leopoldus, and there maintaining them so long as they lived.

C H A P. XIX.

How fair *Cassandra* was brought to Bed of two fair Sons, whom *Fortunatus* caused to be Baptized, naming the elder *Ampedo*, and the younger *Andolucia*.

Now *Fortunatus* being in the height of Joy, daily solacing with his fair Wife the beautiful *Cassandra*, he wanted nothing but Children.

Children, the dearest Pledges of mutual Love, for which he often prayed, and caused the Priests to pray; till at last God heard him, and the tender Wife grew big with her first Son, which afterwards was Christened with great Solemnity, and called *Ampedo*; scarce had they made an end of rejoicing for this Son, before the taming Lady perceived her self quick with another Child, which proved a Son also, and was named *Andolucia*; this brought a double Joy, and the rather, because *Fortunatus* remembered the words of Dame *Fortune*, which were, That if he had no Wife, the Virtue of his Purse should fail with his Life: but *Cassandra* knew not of this, nor of the Purse; *Fortunatus* not thinking it convenient to trust a Woman with so weighty a Secret. After they came to years of Maturity, he caused them to be brought up in Learning, providing for them the ablest Tutors he could get; as likewise in Fence, Joust, Play upon Musick, and all other Arts and Sciences that belonged to a compleat Gentleman, for these were all the Children he was likely to have by the fair *Cassandra*.

C H A P. XX.

How *Fortunatus* prevailed with his Wife to Travel again, and what befel him during his being abroad.

When *Fortunatus* had lived with his Wife about fifteen years, he began to think of his former Travels, considering that for the most part they had been in Europe, whereupon he had been deprived of seeing such strange Rarities as other Countreies in Asia did produce, he thereupon resolved to travel once again, but durst not for a long time disclose his Mind to his Wife, for fear of driving her into a fit of Melancholy; but at last as he was walking with her in the Garden, he began to discourse her about his former Travels; and at last told her, that seeing it was not likely that he should have any more Children, he was purposed to see the Ladies, Egypt, and Palestina, for that he had already travelled over one half of the World. This drew Tears from the fair *Cassandra*, who with tender weeping and

many Intreaties besought him out of love to her and her Children, And by all the mutual Ties of their Conjugal Love, not to leave her: for in his absence her life would be altogether comfortless: Then he comforted her, telling her, he would make but a short stay of it, reckoning to return within a year; but this nothing pacified the disconsolate Lady, who demanded of him in what she had offended, that he who was the Joy of her Life, would leave her? and that if she had transgressed in ought, she would double her Obedience for the future: To which he answered, that she never offended him, but that he loved her as dear as his life, yet he was resolved to go, and nothing but Sicknes or Death should hinder him; then she desired him if he would needs go, that he should travel into a Christian Country, and not expose his life to the Cruelty of Heathens, who most of all envy Christians and seek their blood; to which he replied, That he had seen all the Christian Countries already, and that now he resolved to see both the Indies, and the places he had before named: But when she perceived she could not prevail with him neither by Tears nor Intreaty, she fell down in a Swoon, which moved Fortunatus to Compassion; when coming to her self, she sighed bitterly, saying, O what have I done that I must lose the Joy of my Life so soon? Then she sent to her Father and Mother to come and intreat him to stay, but they prevailed not: So that when she saw there was no way to prevail, and that he had made a Vow to depart, she began a little to be contented, and upon his promise of a quick return, unwillingly yielded; when as Fortunatus leaving her 10000 Crowns, he promised himself a Ship, and with his Purse went on Board only accompanied with two Servants.

C H A P. XXI.

How *Fortunatus* set Sail from *Cyprus*, and travelled into many strange Countries, and of the Adventures he met withal.

Fortunatus having hired many skillful Mariners, he commanded to loase their Anchor and Sail for *Alexandria*, a City in *Egypt*, where

where in short time having a prosperous Wind they arrived; when coming into the Port, the Soldan's Officers demanded who was Master of the Ship? To which the Mariners answered, one *Fortunatus* a Noble man of the Isle of *Cyprus*; then they said, he must appear before the Soldan, and make his Present, which was the Custom of them that came into that Port: *Fortunatus* hearing this, took with him several rich Jewels, and so went to the Soldan's Court; being conducted thither by the Guards that usually wait upon the Sea-Coast on the like occasion, where when he was arrived, he ordered them to set a fair Table; which being done accordingly, he set many fair Jewels thereon, but had scarce time to place them before the Soldan came attended with his Nobles, and a great Guard, and perceiving the Jewels, he supposed they were set for Sale, and thereupon began to inquire their Price; upon which *Fortunatus* demanded whether he liked them? to which the Soldan replied, Very well; forasmuch as they were the fairest that he had seen: then said *Fortunatus*, they are at your Highness's Service, take them and dispose of them as you please: When the Soldan heard him say so, he marvelled greatly that one Merchant should make a Present richer than any Twenty had formerly done, the Jewels not being esteemed less worth than 5000 Crowns; yet he accepted them, and promised *Fortunatus* that they should not be given in vain: and was as good as his word, for he sent him the next day three Carts laden with Pepper; this did not a little grieve the Merchants, who said amongst themselves, we have made many Presents to the Soldan, but never received any return, but we perceive this upstart Merchant is greatly favoured.

Within awhile after the Soldan sent to Invite *Fortunatus* to Dinner, providing a very costly Entertainment, and in a while after the Lord High Admiral invited him likewise, which greatly offended the Merchants, forasmuch as they had given him great Summs of Money to turn *Fortunatus* out of favour with the Soldan; but *Fortunatus* being thereof apprised, cut-gate them, so that he ever had the Admiral on his side: so that he had the first choice of the richest Merchandize which he ever bought. But now the time being come for the Ship's departure, he gave the Master of her order to go to *Spain*, *Holland*, *England*, and other places, and unlade the Merchandize,

chandize, which for the most part consisted of Spices; and at the end, of one year, to return to Alexandria again, where he intended to be: but in the mean while he would travel into many Countries, and if they found him not there, then they should conclude him dead, and carry back the Ship and Goods to Cyprus, and there deliver them up to the use of his Wife and Children: this they promised to do, and thereupon they departed, the Master to steer his Course, and Fortunatus to Travel.

C H A P. XXII.

How *Fortunatus* took his leave of the *Soldan*, and departed for *India*, and how he sped there.

Fortunatus having procured Letters from the *Soldan* to many Kings and Princes, through whose Countries he intended to travel, he departed with them joyfully, and taking Ship, he sailed into Persia, where after he had beheld the Splendor of the Emperors Court, he departed to Cathia; where the Cham of Tartaria bears Rule there; he likewise staid not long, by reason of the Barbarity of the People, who use Strangers very rudely; from thence he went through many Desarts full of wild Beasts, which put him oft in peril of his life, especially a Tyger which lay in ambush behind a Tree, waiting for some Traveller; who as soon as he espied *Fortunatus* coming, she set up such a yell as made the Forest tremble, and thereupon came at him with an open Mouth, stretching out her dreadful Paws to grasp him to her; which *Fortunatus* perceiving, he drew his Sword and stood upon his Guard, as also did his Men: and as the Tyger made at him, *Fortunatus* with a full blow smote off one of her fore-legs, which yet mangled her the more, so that she came at him again, when he watching his opportunity, thrust his Sword down her Throat, and so reaching her Heart she fell down dead; then he exceedingly rejoiced, and travelled on; where by the way he found the Remains of dead mens Carcasses which had been torn to pieces by the wild Beasts, and caused his Servants to cover them with earth;

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this Forest was exceeding long, and therefore although they travelled Day and Night, it was two Days and two Nights ere they could pass it; then riding through many Cities, they came into India, or the Country of *Pester John*, who is Almighty Monarch, and has under him 62 Kings, being Lord of 30 Islands, besides what he possesses on the Continent or main Land. Here *Fortunatus* met with an old Hermit who was travelling to the Holy Land, and gave him 10 Crowns to bear his Charges; this Hermit conducted him and his men the nearest way to the Court of the Emperor, and gave them an account of the Customs of the Country, saying, That he had passed it many times, and that in his youth he had been a great Traveller: then *Fortunatus* requested him to accompany him in his Travels, but he refused, saying, He was under a Vow to depart straightways to the Holy Land, and so giving *Fortunatus* many thanks for his courteous Benevolence, he departed on his way, and *Fortunatus* rode to the Emperors Palace.

C H A P. XXIII.

How *Fortunatus* arrived at *Pester John's* Court, and was speedily entertained, and how he met there with two Conjurers, and how they sent two Witches to steal away his Purse, with many other strange Adventures.

When *Fortunatus* from the top of an Hill beheld the Palace which glittered with Gold, so that by reason of the reflection of the Sun-beams it shone like a Comet, he greatly admired it, saying, That since it was so fair without, it must needs be very beautiful within, and so by Noon he approached it; at which time the Emperor and his Lords were returned from hunting of wild Beasts, whereupon he had the opportunity of seeing them clad in warlike Habilliments, which was after so strange a manner, that he greatly wondered; when they were all entred, he came to the Porter, and demanded if he and his Companions might not be admitted to behold the Palace, and take a view of the Emperors Magnificent Entertainment.

ment, that so they might report it to his Maie, when they returned into their own Country: The Porter perceiving that they were Gentlemen and Strangers, freely admitted them; upon which Fortunatus gave him a Ruby worth 30 Crowns: then coming into the Emperors Presence, he signified to him, that he had some Presents for him, and thereupon drew forth his Jewels, which were very rich, for he always bought the fairest; which the Emperour accepting of, gave him many thanks, and ord'ed his chief Officer to feast them nobly, and to shew them all the Riches of his Palace, which were such as Fortunatus had never seen before; for the Walls some were plated with Silver, wherein were ingraven Stories of Knights and Battels, with the valiant Achievements of the former Emperours; others were hung with Panthars Skins, which cast a fragrant smell; the Pillars that supported the Hall they were of Cedar overlaid with Gold, and inlaid with precious Stones: This pleased Fortunatus so well, that he gave the Officer a Jewel worth 100 Drckers. Now when Dinner-time was come, Fortunatus and his Men were set down with the chief Officers and Noble-men; for such is the Custom of the Country, that none but the Princes of the Blood may Dine with the Emperour: Now in the midst of their Mirth, Fortunatus perceived the Bottles and flagons begin to dance upon the Table, at which he began greatly to wonder; when one that sat by him whisper'd him in the Ear, and told him it was done by Magick, and that the Emperour kept two Necromancers to make Pastime for Strangers; now after the Bottles had done dancing, there sprung up a Tree full of fair Oranges; which several Blacks came and plucked off, and then the Tree vanished; after that a large Stag came running in, and after him a Pack of Hounds at full Cry, who taking a Courte or two round the Hall vanished; then several faire Women in strange Attire came in playing upon Lutes, and after having danced a turn or two, vanished: At this Fortunatus was greatly amazed, but well considering with himself it was only a Delusion of the Devil, and mortal Substaunce, he rested the better content: Now when Dinner was ended, the Emperour sent for Fortunatus to ride a Hunting with him, which he gladly did, and coming into a Forrest about six Miles from the Palace, there they routed

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a Lyon who was sleeping in the Thicket, who shook his hinder Mane, and roared so loud, that all the Forrest trembled; upon which the Dogs were uncoupled, of which he roar several in pieces, and fought against several of them for the space of an Hour; when the Indians came running with their Lances, and run him into the body, so that he fell down dead, then took they off his Skin as a Trophy of Victory: After that the Dogs found out a great wild Boar, upon which they fastened, notwithstanding he gored many of them with his horrid Tusks, which were at least a foot long, & then the Jabelings being darted thick at him, he at last was killed, and his Head being cut off, was carried before the Emperour upon a Spear, as likewise the Lyon's Skin.

By this time Sun was set, which made the Emperour hasten to his Palace, where, at Supper-time, Fortunatus drew a great deal of Gold out of his Purse, and gave amongst such as attended at the Table, which the Necromancers perceiving, who were also sitting at the Table, they thought with themselves this Stranger must needs be exceeding Rich, that can thus liberally dispence with his Money, therefore it will not be amiss when he is in Bed, if we use our Art, to get some of him; so that when all was done, and every one gone to their Chambers, they began to mutter over their Charms, and by that means raised their Familiars, commanding them to tell them who the Stranger was, and how he came by such quantities of Gold and Jewels; to which they replied, he was a Merchant of Cyprus, and that he had a secret Mine which they were forbidden to reveal, which could not be emptied during his Life, and thereupon they vanished: Now the Conjurers sent for their Wives, who had familiar Spirits likewise, to attend them, and could transform themselves, to appearance, into any shape: they being come, the Conjurers commanded them, in the shapes of Monkeys, to enter Fortunatus his Lodgings, and bring thence what Treasure they could find; the which they readily obeyed: when opening the Caskets, they entered; but by clapping them to and again, Fortunatus awoke, and supposing that they had been Thieves, drew his Sword, and striking at a venture, cut one of their fore-feet off, whereupon they got out at the Window again, making such a lamentable Noise

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as wakened a great many of those that lodged near, next morning Fortunatus getting up, espied a hand lying on the ground, at which he was sore dismayed: but as he went to take it up, it was snatched from him he knew not how, so that he never saw it after: yet so it happened, that the next day one of the Conjurers Wives had lost her hand, which occasioned her Husband to fall out with his fellow, for putting her upon that exploit; insomuch that falling to Words, they both vowed revenge one of the other, when as he that had his Wife hurt, taking his opportunity when the other was leaning out at a window, he fixed a great pair of Stags Horns upon his head, so that he could by no means draw it in, but was obliged to stay there till the Charm was dissolved, which caused great laughter to such as beheld it, but in him it caused a desperate resolve of revenge: so that one day he having drawn the figure of a Man upon the Wall with small cole, he compelled his adversary, notwithstanding all the intreaties he used to stand up against it, when immediately the Wall opened, and he sinking into it, was never heard of afterward.

These Projects, and Hellish arts so affrighted Fortunatus, that he having got together abundance of Merchandize, and the Emperor's Letter of free Traffick in such Countreys as he came into, under the Emperor's Jurisdiction; he took his leave and departed, travelling towards Jerusalem, where he no sooner arrived, but he found an old Hermet, who shewed him the Holy Sepulchre, the pieces of the Cross, the Apostle, St. James's Tomb, and many other Relicks, which Pilgrims go thither to see; when he had viewed as much as he thought fit, he began to remember the promise he had made to his wife, and thereupon taking leave of the Old Man, he journeyed to Alexandria.

C H A P. XXIV.

How Fortunatus was well-comed by the Souldan, as he returned to Alexandria, and what befell him, during his stay.

Fortunatus being now within eight miles of Alexandria, he sent one of his servants to acquaint the Admiral of his approach, and to

to desire the Souldan's Letters to enter the City with his Camels, of which he had about 20 laden with the riches of India, having hired Ratives of the Country to drive them, and to have the stronger guard, for fear of robbers: when the servant had done his hellish message, the Admiral ordered his Horses to be made ready, and rode to meet Fortunatus, who lovingly embraced him, and asked him how he had fared, during his travelling in strange Countreys; whereupon Fortunatus told him all that had happened from time to time: then he conducted him to the Souldan, who was glad of his return, and caused a Feast to be made for him; when within three days after his coming thither, his Ship arrived from Famogosta, with Letters from Cassandra, who earnestly desired his return; so that having put his Merchandize on board, he would have set Sail: but going to take his leave of the Souldan, and to make him a present, he would needs have him stay and dine with him, which he could not deny him; yet he sent one of his servants to the master of the Ship, to require him to be in a readiness to set Sail; for that he intended as soon as he had dined, to come on board: the master was obedient, and put off the Vessel, ready to Sail, all her Anchors being weighed; yet the time of Fortunatus his coming was prolonged, by reason that the Souldan held him in discourse about his late travels: the which Fortunatus was obliged to relate, thanking the Souldan for his Letters, by which means he told him he had found kind Reception in many places, especially from the neighbouring Princes, who speak very well of him. Then would Fortunatus have taken his leave, but the Souldan prevailed with him to stay supper also.

C H A P. XXV.

How *Fortunatus* going with the *Souldan* into his Treasury to see his Jewels, understood the secret vertue of his wishing Hat, and how wishing himself on Ship-board, was he brought thither through the Ayr, and set Sail for *Cyprus*, with the wishing Hat.

Fortunatus being impatient of delay, lest he should break his promise with his Wife; after supper was ended, he drew out a great deal of Gold, and bestowed it freely upon the servants, and again demanded leave to depart: but the *Souldan* seeing his infinite riches, thought that unless he shewed him his, he might boast in his own Country that he had the greatest wealth: whereupon he desired him to follow him; and so led him into his Treasury which was all hung with Cloath of Tinsel, and the Tables spread with Jewels, Rings, and Vessels of Gold and Silver; Gold Chains, and huge Pearls, with many other things of great price, which *Fortunatus* had never seen the like before: then he led him into another Room, where he shewed him an infinite mass of money; and now, says he, I have one thing more that I esteem above all that you have yet beheld, this made *Fortunatus* wonder: for, thought he, it must be of an inestimable price, if it exceed what I have seen already, and thereupon he grew impatient to have a view of it: when as the *Souldan* taking him by the hand, led him into another Chamber; and there taking down an old hat, said, this is the Jewel; at which *Fortunatus* smiled, telling him that was an old hat, and might be bought for a small matter: yes, said the *Souldan*, if it was only a hat, it was of no value, but there is such a secret retained in it, that for all the hats in the World, I would not leave it; nay, should I loose all my Jewels, I could purchase more, but should I loose this hat, such another the World affords not: then was *Fortunatus* very desirous to know the secret it retained; then said the *Souldan*; since you are my friend, I will impart it to you; which is this, that having this hat on, where ever you wish your self to be, thither shall you be conveyed almost as swift as can be thought:

thought: so that when my Nobles are gone a Hunting, it is but wishing my self with them, and I am there: when my armies are abroad, I can be with them, and in my Palace almost in a moment; as likewise upon any occasion, 'tis but putting this hat on, and I can be carryed into any Country with a wish, and so back again.

At this strange report, *Fortunatus* stood amazed, but yet secretly pondered with himself, that if it were true the *Souldan* said, he would by any means possess it, if he might; for thought he, my Purse and that Hat, are enough for the richest Emperor in the World: and thereupon he asked the *Souldan*, by reason of the qualities it retained, whether it were not heavier than any other hat: no, said the *Souldan*, but rather lighter than any other: therefore for your satisfaction, try it on your head. This was what *Fortunatus* wished for, which made him that he could scarce forbear smiling; saying, he thought it had been much heavier, and withal, that he did not think that the *Souldan*, knowing the vertue of't, would be so unadvised as to trust him with it; and thereupon stepping to the Window, he wished himself on board his Ship; and thereupon before the *Souldan* could prevent him, he flew out at the Window, and was in his Ship in a moment,



then Commanding the Waiters to clap up all their Hats; they secured their cloaks before the wind with such speed, that although the *Souldan*

Soldan Commanded his Gally that lay in the Port to make after them, they could not come near the Ship of Fortunatus, upon which the Soldan was yet the more enraged, swearing by his Gods, that if he could take him, he would put him to the cruellest Death that ever man dyed; but the Merchants that usually traded there, greatly rejoiced when they heard what was done, though they durst not shew it openly: for, said they, now this Interloper will come no more amongst us, to spoil our Traffick.

The Soldan being greatly perplexed in his mind for the loss of his Hat, was resolved to ascend after Fortunatus into Cyprus; there to make him large offers, if he would either send or bring it; whereupon he sent for Marcholandus a Venetian, that served under him, and acquainted him with what had passed, and willed him to take one of his best Ships, and follow Fortunatus into Cyprus; and first perswade him by intreaty and promises to restore the Hat, and if that would not do, to complain of his Treachery to the King of the Island, and if he refused to do Justice, to denounce a War against him; this the Venetian gladly undertook, as well knowing, if he could recover the Hat, the Soldan would greatly favour and reward him; and so having all things in a readiness, he set Sail.

C H A P. XXVI.

How the Soldan's Ambassador came after *Fortunatus* to Cyprus, for the Wishing Hat, and how he complained to the King; but was sent away without it.

Fortunatus after two months departure from Alexandria, arrived at Cyprus, where he was joyfully met by a great number of Nobility, and conducted to the Kings presence; who welcomed him home, and asked him of his travels, the which he at large related, and then taking his leave, put on his Wishing Hat, and going without the City, wished himself at his own House, and was there in a trice: when coming in, he met Cassandra, who run to him, and clasping him in her arms, could not speak to him a good while for joy; then he having

being saluted his Sons and Servants, he commanded meat to be set before him; and the next day invited a great number of his neighbours to dine with him, whom he feasted after the best manner.

Now when he had been at home about eight days, on the 10th of his arrival in the Island, Marcholandus, who was sent by the Soldan, came to his House, and desired to speak with him; who coming to him, he desired that they might be in private: whereupon Fortunatus took him by the hand, and led him into the Dining Room, and then willed him to declare his business; whereupon he delivered him the Soldans Letter, and therewithal informed him how ungrateful he had been, in taking away the Hat, yet the Soldan would forget it all, and highly reward him, if he would restore it; I must confess, said Fortunatus, the Soldan has cause to be offended, but let him thank his own folly in putting it upon my Head, I knew not the vertue of it before he declared it; and therefore since I ran the hazard of drowning, by lying on Ship-board with it, I am in the mind never to part with it. Then Marcholandus told him what offers the Soldan had made him, if he would restore it: and therefore out of all love desired him to let him carry it with him, or that he would carry it himself; but Fortunatus told him he would not part with it for the Soldans Kingdom, and therefore willed him to cease his suit.

Upon this, Marcholandus growing impatient, began to threaten him; saying, that he would complain to the King, and if no redress could be had there, the Soldan would fight him by Arms: at which Fortunatus smiling, bid him do as he pleased, and thereupon Marcholandus departed to the Court, where procuring to be admitted to the Kings presence, he grievously complained of Fortunatus; telling all that had happened concerning the Hat, and desired his Majesty to use his Prerogative Royal, in compelling him to restore it; but the King said that Fortunatus was his dear friend, and he would not in any wise use compulsion towards him; but if he would deliver it up of his own accord well and good, but if not, the Law was open, and he must take his Regular Course. But Marcholandus well knew that Fortunatus was too powerfull in his own Country, for a stranger to wage Law against him: whereupon he told the King, that upon the refusal of delivering the Hat, he had a Commission to denounce War, even

ven as you please for that, said the King; and tell the Soldan, that although I esteem his friendship, yet I fear not his anger, but shall defend my self as well as I can; upon this, Morcholandus returned very heavy, and told the Soldan all that had passed, who thereupon conceived such an inward grief for the loss of his Hat, that in a short time he dyed.

CHAP. XXVII.

How *Fortunatus* finding himself in a declining condition, prepared himself for another World.

Fortunatus being now about 60 years of Age, began to bethink himself that his thread of Life was almost at an end, and thereupon he resolved to prepare himself for a future state, greatly lamenting the loss of so much precious time as he had spent in frivolous and vain trifles, wishing that he had chosen wisdom rather than riches; for, said he, they are ever cumbersome, troublesome, and full of danger: how often have they destroyed both Soul and Body, and what wickedness is there in the World that will not be done for money? What horrid Bloodshed, Massacres, and Civil Wars, does it stir up? Well! I must confess, for the greatest part of my Life, I have had exceeding plenty, but have not lived so free and truly merry, as when I had nothing but what I worked for: how often has my life been endangered by reason of my Purse? nay, past doubt I had been murdered long since, for if it, any had known its vertue; but now I will earnestly repent me of my former folly; and upon that he let fall many tears: at which instant, Cassandra coming in, demanded the cause of his heaviness, to whom he imparted it without any dissimulation; and she on the other hand strove to comfort him: but at last his Melancholly drew him into a Consumption, which soon occasioned his Death, as shall in the next Chapter be shewn.

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CHAP. XXVIII.

How *Fortunatus* falling sick, made his Will; and declared to his Sons the virtue of his Purse and the Hat, with a Commandment to disclose them to any, as likewise of his Death.

Fortunatus being sick unto death, and perceiving his end to be nigh, called his Sons to him and blessed them, bidding them to live lovingly and peaceably together: and that he would leave them a sufficient Competency to maintain them both in a most splendid condition; but, said he, it is such a secret, as will lose its vertue if once discovered, therefore take my Counsel in all points, and so you will prosper, or otherwise be in perpetual danger, for seldom is it seen, that disobedient Children prosper: when he had said thus much, he called for his Purse and Hat and advertised them of the secrets they contained, saying, that no Mortal ever yet knew the vertue of the Purse, but himself excepted: but as for the Hat, said he, I got it from the Soldan of Babylon, who offered me many rich presents for to have it again, he



esteeming it more worth, than all his inestimable Treasure, therefore as you tender the enjoying of them, do not in any wise disclose the secret vertue of either of them, lest in so doing, you either lose them or
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your lives; and farther, he advised them not to part the Jewels, but to live together lovingly, and when he had so said, he cryed with a loud voice! Lord receive my Spirit, and so yielded up the Ghost: after which, his Sons and his Wife made great Lamentation for him; and caused him to be buried in the Chancel, near his Father and Mother in a new Tomb, which he had caused to be built in his lifetime.

About a month after, Cassandra, for the exceeding sorrow she conceived at his Death, fell into a violent Feavour, and dyed likewise: and was, by her Sons, buried in the same Sepulcher with her Husband. Now after the days of Mourning were over, Andolocia, Fortunatus his youngest Son, being inflamed with a desire to Travel; upon reading what adventures his Father had met with in strange Countreys, he thus bespeak to his Brother. Dear, Brother, since we are both in our Youth and Strength, 'tis not fit that we should spend our time in idleness, therefore let us travel, and see strange Countries; but this nothing liked Ampedo, the Eldest, who was given rather to the rest of a quiet Life; whereupon he answered. Dear Brother, if you are minded to travel you may, but as for me, I will stay in this Pallace, and spend my days in my Native Country. Then said Andolocia, let us part the Jewels, give me my Portion and let me be gone: not so said Ampedo, know you not that it was our fathers strict Command when he dyed, that we should not part them; no matter for that, said Andolocia, now he is dead, he will never repine at what we do; then said Ampedo, take you your Hat and be packing; no, said Andolocia, I will have the Purse, if any: upon this, there arose a hot dispute between them, till Andolocia said, then if you needs will have Money, fill two Coffers out of the Purse, and take the Hat and the rest of the Jewels, with free possession of all the Houses and Pallaces, and give me the Purse only; and at six Years end, I will return and deliver it you again; to this Ampedo consented, lest in the heat of Quarrel, the secrets of the Purse should be revealed, and so the difference between them was ended.

C H A P. XXIX

How *Andolocia* went with his Purse into the *French* Court, and what entertainment he found there.

Andolocia, having got the Purse, departed joyfully, and after having passed through many Countreys, at last he came into France, when repairing to Paris the chief City, he went to view the splendor of the Kings Court: where attiring himself after the best manner, he accompanied himself with the Nobility and Gentry, spending even to admiration; for such was his liberality, that he exceeded most of the Nobility; and kept such stately entertainment, and such costly Carbs, as the Country did afford: but long he had not stayed there, before Juits were ordeined, and a Challenge made by certain Noble Personages against any that durst Encounter them: upon which Andolocia prepared for the Combat, and unhorsed three Carls, one after another: of which the King took great notice, and ordered that he should be entertained in his Pallace; when night came, the Ladys and Gentlemen were disposed to Dance; amongst which, the King would have Andolocia make one, where he so well behaved himself, that all the Eyes of the Ladys were upon him; and from that time forth they highly esteemed him, and he, by often conversing with them, at last fell deep in Love with one of them, who was a beautiful Lady, and Wife to a Courtier of Andolocia's acquaintance: and so passionate he was, that finding a fit opportunity he told her his desire, saying, that if she would consent to lye with him but one night, he would give her a 1000 Crowns; but she being a Virtuous Lady refused his proffer, and acquainted her Husband what offer Andolocia had made: who considered what a great help a 1000 Crowns would be to him in his necessity, yet was very loath to be a Cuckold; so that casting about, they at last agreed to get a Neighbour of theirs to supply her Room, and so to deceive him in his Expectation; this liked them both very well, whereupon, when Andolocia importun'd her again, she gave him hopes, telling him that such an Evening her Husband would be abroad about earnest business, and then if he would

come and bring with him the Money he should be entertained to his wish. This rejoiced not Andolucia a little, who thought every hour a day till the happy Lover was come : now in the mean time, she went to her Neighbour and told her, she should have a 100 Crowns if she would but prostitute her Body to a Gentleman in her stead, so that it might not be discerned ; for, said she, I would willingly do it, but that my Husband so narrowly watches me that I have no opportunity ; to this the Neighbour freely consented, without any Scruple of Conscience, as being used to the Trade, and so at the time appointed Andolucia came and brought the Money, which the Lady took, then bidding him sit down, she conveyed her Neighbour in at a back Door, and put her into her own Bed, and when it was dark, Andolucia, was by the Chamber-Maid whom he bribed with 20 Crowns, led to the Bed, and there pulling off his Cloaths in he went, and embraced the Gentlewoman with abundance of kindness, sporting it by times till it was almost day ; when as his Bed-fellow would have risen, but he would not suffer her : so that she knowing when light appeared, she should be discovered, for fear freely confessed the whole matter : which greatly grieved him that he had been so deceived, for instead of a beautiful Gentlewoman whom he thought he had in Bed with him, he had embraced a common Strumpet ; yet dissembling the matter as well as he could, gave the Baggage a 100 Crowns, telling her what he had given the Gentlewoman before ; and ordered her as soon as he was departed the City, to sue for them, seeing the Gentlewoman had not performed her promise ; which she being armed with impudence did accordingly, and put the Lady to great shame and disgrace.

C H A P. XXX.

How Andolucia went to the King of Spain's Court, and of the noble entertainment he received there, and what Achievements he made.

ANdolucia having had this female cheat put upon him, resolved to stay no longer in the French Court, lest it should be noised
abroad

abroad to his disgrace : but immediately taking Horse, he rode with his Servants to Navar, from thence to Aragon, and so to the Spanish Court, which in those days greatly flourished, where, for the better entertainment, he put himself into a Spanish Garb, for such is the humour of that Nation ; that they will, by their good wills, sort themselves with none but such as comply with their fashion. At that time there were Wars with Portugal, so that Andolucia raising a 100 men payed them himself, and rid at the head of them in the King's Service ; where by his Valour and undaunted Courage, he got himself great Praise, insomuch that the King taking notice of it, not only Knighted him, but likewise bestowed many rich presents on him, and proffered to Marry him to the Daughter of an antient Earl ; with whom after the Father's Decease, he should have the Earldom : but Andolucia humbly thanked his Majesty, saying, that he was not disposed to Marry, for that he was resolved to see many Countries.

Within a while after the Wars ceasing, Andolucia dismissed his Souldiers, and took leave of the King, who was very loath to part with him ; yet, Andolucia urging him, he bid him farewell, and when ever he came into Spain again, to make use of his Court, as freely as if it were his own : after he had left the King, he took Shipping and sailed for England, when coming up the River of Thames, he landed at the Tower of London, and much admired the strong and stately Building ; when coming to the Court, and having taken a view of the same, he searched for a stately House as near to it as possible : which he having found, furnished it after the best manner, and retained many Men and Maid-servants, keeping a very plentiful Table, insomuch that a great many of the Courtiers resorted daily thither, and were by him feasted ; of which the King hearing, he sent for him, and asked him what he was, who accordingly told him ; then said the King, will you be content to have a Command under me in the Wars against the Scots ? Yes, with a very good will said Andolucia, and will raise and maintain a hundred men at my proper cost and charges : at this the King was greatly pleased, and made him a Captain, so that going against the Enemy, he fought so manfully that he broke their Ranks, and greatly disordered them,

them, inſomuch that freſh forces coming on, they ſoon put them to the rout, and although many did bravely that day, yet Andolocia did beſt, which yet the more endeared the King to him.

C H A P. XXXI.

How *Andolocia* being at Dinner with the King, fell in Love with a *Agrypina* the Princeſs, and what happened after.

ANdolocia was no ſooner returned from the Wars, but the King ſent his Steward to invite him to Dinner, as likewiſe ſeveral of the chief Commanders were likewiſe preſent, many Ladys and Gentlewomen, and amongſt the reſt, the Princeſs of *Agrypina*, who, for beauty, ſurpaſſed all her Sex: on her Andolocia fixing his Eyes, ſo ſurſtited on her beauty, that he could never eat nor drink to any purpoſe, but ſtill kept his Eyes fixed on her: and wiſhed that he was a Prince for her ſake, though, ſaid he, I am as well able to keep her, as ever a Prince in Chriſtendom; yet, I not being of Royal Blood, it will be but in vain for me to flatter my ſelf into a belief; that ſhe will condeſcend to my request, ſhould I aſk her yet; 'tis but trying: and from the time forth, Andolocia attired himſelf in Purple and Gold, and would ever be the ſoyneſt in Tilts and Juſts that were to be before the King, Queen, and Princeſs, where he won great Applauſe; after which taking his opportunity, he invited the Queen and her Daughter to Dinner, and ſo ſplendidly entertained them, that they had not beheld the like in the King's Pallace; and at their departure, gave each of them a Rich Jewel, which they very readily accepted. At Andolocia's next coming to Court the King met him, and told him that he heard how he had entertained the Queen and Princeſs to their content, ſaying, if he had but known of his Feaſt, he would have been there in Perſon; whereupon Andolocia excuſed himſelf, ſaying, he durſt not preſume ſo high, as to invite His Maſteſty; but that if he would ſo far honour him with his Preſence, he would be infinitely obliged to him for ſo great an honour: to this the King conſented, and appointed the next day to come, whereupon Andolocia

Andolocia provided a more coſtly entertainment than before: inſomuch that the King marvelled how he could live at that rate: ſeveral Fires he made of Ceder and Spices, which caſt a fragrant ſmell, ſo that the King and ſeveral of his Nobles ſat down, and were exceeding merry; continuing there till Evening, and then departed: at whoſe departure, Andolocia gave money amongſt the Guards, and humbly thanked the King for the Honour he had done him.

When the King came to the Court, he told the Queen and Princeſs how bravely he had been entertained; and that he did not a little wonder how Andolocia, having neither Lands nor Subjects, to appearance, could ſpend ſo liberally; therefore he ſaid, he believed he muſt be ſome Prieſt in diſguiſe: truly, ſaid the Queen, I can but wonder as well as you! and have had a longing mind to know how he comes by ſo much money, and of late I have beſought my ſelf of the means: he has, for ſome time paſt, he profeſſed great Love to our Daughter, the which by many Symptomes I well perceive is unfeigned; wherefore I intend to Advertiſe her of my Purpoſe, and if ſhe ſhew him but a little kindneſs, I know he will not deny her any thing; this well pleaſed the King, and thereupon he ordered *Agrypina* to ſearch out the matter, who promiſed to uſe her utmoſt diligence therein.

C H A P. XXXII.

How the Princeſs came to know the ſecret of the Purſe, and how ſhe deceived *Andolocia* of the ſame.

The next Morning Andolocia coming to the Court, was admitted into *Agrypina*'s Chamber, a favour that he never before enjoyed; at which he exceedingly rejoyced, thinking with himſelf that this was a happy opportunity, and proſperous; he had not long been there before the Princeſs came, and with a merry Countenance, wiſhed him a good Morning; at which he humbly thanked her Grace, and then ſhe cauſed him to ſit down by her, and ſet to diſcourſe about others Affairs: as of his Travels, Birth, and Parentage, ſo that in ſuch like diſcourſes, they ſpent much time; then began Andolocia

to expels the passion he had for her, and that how for her sake, he would adventure any hazard. Alas! said she, I am not at my own dispose, for if I were, your Estate would soon decrease at the rate you live, and then I should come to poverty; fear not that my Love, and dearest part of Life, my Estate can never grow less than it is, although I should spend a Million a week: then belike said Aggrypina, your Father is some Puissant Prince: not so, said Andolucia, my Father is Dead, nor was he, neither am I, a Prince; his Riches and mine were equal, and though we both have spent to excess, yet had we never the less.

This made Aggrypina wonder, and therefore she was the more desirous to know whence this infinite Treasure should flow, and began to shew better Countenance than ever, saying, you have often told me you loved me Andolucia; and in that, said he, I have not said amiss; for I protest by all that's sacred, I admire and adore you above all Women kind, esteeming you, as indeed you are, the fairest of your Sex: many Ladies have I seen in Foreign Courts, but your bright perfections as far excels them all, as the Sun does the paler Lustre of the Moon; therefore bouchsafe dear Lady to cure the Wounds you have made, and pardon my boldness.

Then said Aggrypina, if it be true, that you love me as you say, pray tell me from whence you have such abundance of Treasure, in which when I am better satisfied, you may expect my favour; but not till then? At this, Andolucia was almost extasied, being drunk with Love and doating upon her Beauty, he was resolved to satisfy her desire, and thus began. Madam, could you but keep it secret, I would lay open to you all the secrets of my Soul, and unfold what my Dying Father charged me not to do, though at this Instant his Ghost should rise and blast me; nay, said Aggrypina, if you loved me, you would not doubt my keeping your secrets, but your scrupling my Fidelity, shews you love me not: by Heaven! said Andolucia, I do, and will reveal the secret, and thereupon in an unlucky hour, he drew out his Purse, saying, here is my Exchequer which can never be enriech'd, and thereupon he pulled out 300 pieces of Gold, and gave them



them to Aggrypina, and then the Purse seeming empty, he put in his hand and pulled out as many more, and so he did several times; saying, thus can I do for many years together, and yet can never empty this Purse during my Life; this was left by my Father, and given to him by Dame Fortune, in a Wilderness, as he was travelling to see strange Countryes. Aggrypina having now understood what she most desired, she began to Plot how she might get the Purse into her possession; and therefore told Andolucia, that if he would promise faithfully to marry her, he should lie with her beforehand, for that the King and Queen lodged that night in a Summer House at the upper end of the Garden, and that by having her chief Woman, he might be admitted into her Chamber: this made him leap for joy, promising to gain admittance what ever it cost him; and so taking his leave of her, with a thousand thanks for that she had bouchsafed to pity him, he departed: then went Aggrypina to the King and Queen, and declared all that had happened, and how she had given him hopes of enjoying her that night, with a design to receive him of his Purse: the Queen commended her Wit, and ordered a Purse to be made like to that Aggrypina had described. When they had done, they prepared a sleepy Potion; ordering the Cupbearer to put it into the Wine that Andolucia should drink: which being

being done to the Life, about eight in the Evening, Andolocia came and inquired for the Princesses Woman, as if he had a Letter to deliver: and when he had found her, he gave her a Purse with a 100 Crowns in it, telling his purpose; of which she made something strange, though she knew it from the Princess: yet she shut him in to the Princesses Chamber, where he had not stayed long, before Aggrypina came and bid him welcome, then she sent the Matron for two Bottles of Wine, one for Andolocia, and another for her self: telling him, in token of the Love she bear him, she would drink off a full botol, and hoped that he would do the like; now the Woman had notice to put the Druggs into that he was to drink, which she did accordingly: after Andolocia had drunk it off, he began to grow drowsy, so that within a while, Aggrypina and her Woman talked him fast asleep, then she sending her Woman away, turned aside his Coat, and took off the Purse, in the Room of which, she placed a Counterfeit one, and then went to the King and Queen; who with much impatience expected her coming.

She was no sooner come but they demanded how she sped, to which she answered, she had sped as she wished, for here says she is the Golden Purse; and with that, putting her hand into it, she pulled out several handfuls of Gold, at which the King and Queen greatly rejoiced: then the King demanded her to give it into his keeping, but the Queen said, since she had ventured for it, it was but Reason she should keep it.

Now whilst this discourse held, Andolocia awoke, and starting up as one amazed, found that he had slept in the Chair all night, which did not a little perplex him; when in the midst of his trouble, in came the Old Woman, of whom he demanded where Aggrypina was? she told him that she having layn alone all night in expectation of his waking and coming to bed to her, she was now risen, being very much grieved that he should so disappoint her. And farther she told him, that although they jogged him, and used many endeavours, they could not wake him; then concluded Andolocia, it was done by the Enchantment of some that envied his happiness, and thereupon departed pensive to his House, as having lost so happy an opportunity; that he was out of all hopes of regaining such another, but little dreamt his Purse was gone.

C H A P. XXXIII.

How the King sent to *Andolocia* to prepare a Dinner for him, and how when he found his Purse was lost, he left his House in great heavyness, and departed for *Cyprus*.

Now the King being desirous to try how Andolocia would behave himself after the loss of his Purse, sent his Steward to him to acquaint him, that by reason a stranger was come to Court, he purposed to bring him to his House, and therefore willed him to provide accordingly, which Andolocia promised, as not yet having ellayed his Purse. After the Messenger was gone, he called his Steward, and bid him provide for the King's entertainment, such things as he thought most fit; to which he replied, his money was spent in the late costly Banquets, and to furnish a new one he must have more money; with that Andolocia put his hand into his Purse as formerly, but to his great amazement found nothing in it; then began he to turn it and look upon it, but found it was not the same: then he waxed exceeding sorrowful, and much repented him of his folly, that, contrary to his Fathers Command, he had declared the secrets of his Purse: as likewise, how he had been deceived by a Woman not long before, which might have been a fair warning to him how he again trusted any of that treacherous Sex; and in utter despair ever to gain it by fair means, he called all his Servants about him, telling them that he had heard of the Death of his Brother in Cyprus, and must instantly depart thither to take Possession of his Land, and therefore willed them to take what wages was due: besides their Horses and the furniture of the House he would freely bestow upon them, and then leave them to shift for themselves, for that it would be too great a trouble to carry Servants over the Sea.

At this suddain news they were all dislinayed, telling him that they would venture their Lives and Fortunes with him wherever he went: but he told them it must not be, but that if ever he returned to England, he would find them out, and entertain them as formerly; and so taking his leave of them, he rid to the Sea, all alone, and there taking Ship departed for Cyprus.

How *Andolucia* arrived at *Cyprus*, and declared to *Ampedo*, all that had happened.

Andolucia landing in the Isle of *Cyprus*, hasted to *Farnogosta*, and entering the Pallace, where he meeting his Brother, they kindly embraced, and asked of each others Welfare; for now *Ampedo* thought to have his turn of the Purse: but when he beheld his Brother pensive and sad, he much doubted the event, and thereupon began to ask him what was become of his men? nay, says he, as for them I take no farther care, but am glad my self is returned with Life. Then *Ampedo* began to ask him about the Purse, who answered in a mournful tone, that by disobliging his Fathers Command, he had lost it; how! said *Ampedo*, by fraud or force? nay, said he, by fraud; for falling in Love with a fair Lady, her beauty so far bewitched me, that at her intreaty I told her the secret virtue of it; insomuch that when I was asleep, she got it from my Girdle, and placed a false one in the Room of it. This it is, said *Ampedo*, to be disobedient, had it not been better for you to have stayed at home, without running any hazard, then thus to loose the best Treasure the World can afford? now, if we come to poverty, shall we be the laughing stock and scorn of all that have formerly known our manner of living. Good Brother, said *Andolucia*, do not aggravate my sorrow, for I grieve sufficiently, and repent me of my folly; insomuch that I fear it will cast me into some dangerous sickness, of which I shall dye: when *Ampedo* heard him say so, he began to leave off chiding, and strove to comfort him, saying, well! since it is lost, let it go, I have yet 3000 Duckets left, besides the Wishing Hat, for which I doubt not to get a great sum of money, when some Puissant Prince shall know the vertue of it.

How *Andolucia* deceived his Brother, and got his Wishing Hat, with which he came into *England*, and carried away *Aggrypina* and the Purse, into a desert place, and what there befel.

Now when *Andolucia* had continued a while with his Brother, he one day told him, that if he would lend him his Wishing Hat,

that, he did not yet doubt to recover the Purse: but *Ampedo* would by no means consent thereto, saying, that he was wiser than so, and that the best way was to sit down with the first loss; for, said he, I doubt not but to get 10000 Duckets for the Hat when our money is spent: so that when *Andolucia* perceived he would not part with it for an English Voyage, he let him alone a good while, and then taking his opportunity when his men were gone a Hunting, he desired him to let him have the Hat only to get amongst them, that he might see the sport: to this *Ampedo* consented, but *Andolucia* had no sooner put it on, but he wished himself at *Venice*, and was instantly conveyed there through the Air: where he enquired for several Jews who were wont to trade in Rich Jewels, and desired that he might see their Jewels, the which they consented to, in hopes of a *Chapman*; but *Andolucia* had no sooner got them in his hands, but he wished himself in *England*, and was suddenly carried thither, the Jews imagining him to be no other than the Devil; and blessed themselves that they did not take any of his money.

When he came into *England*, he disguised himself in an Italian habit, and getting on a long Gown, went to the Court, and there pretending himself to be a Merchant, he insinuated into the Company of *Aggrypina's* Gentlewomen, by giving them small presents, that so they should persuade the Princess to buy his Jewels, which were very rich; with which they soon acquainted her, and willed him to spread them abroad as she passed by, which he accordingly did, and she casting her Eyes upon them, asked if he would sell any of them? yes, and if it shall please your Highness, I am come from a far Country for that purpose; then she chose out several of the best, and asked him the Price, who told her she should have them for 6000 Crowns, whereupon she bid him 3000 Crowns; but he imagining that she would bring out the Purse, bargained with her for 4000 Crowns, and then she ordering him to bring them into her Chamber, went to a Coffer, and taking thence the Purse, tied it fast to her Girdle: which was what *Andolucia* looked for, who whilst she was telling out the Money, clasped her fast by the Arm, and throwing her upon his back, he wished himself in a Solitary Desert: and immediately they were both carried out of sight, to the great amazement of those

those that beheld it, and were not let down till they came into Ireland; then Aggrypina being faint, Andolucia placed her under a Tree, on which were many Apples, exceeding fair to appearance: when as she made her request to Andolucia, that if he had any pity of a poor distressed Virgin, he would get her something to quench her thirst, or she should faint; with that he taking pity of her, as loving her still, although she had so misused him, he got up the tree, and through carelessness left the Hat upon her Head, and the Jewels in her lap, who whilst he was plucking the Apples, said, Woe is me! how came I hither into this forlorn and desert place? O! how unlike is this to my Father's Country, I would to God I were in my Father's Palace again: the which when Andolucia heard, he hastened down the Tree to stay her flight, but she was gone, past recovery, in a moment, with the Purse, Hat, and Jewels, which vexed Andolucia worse than before: whereupon he began to Curse the Destinies, and the Hour wherein he was borne, saying, that now he was quite undone, and his loss irreparable! When he had bewailed his misfortune a good while, he being faint and dry eat the Apples, upon which he felt a sudden pain in his Head, which made him suppose they were infectious; but it continued not long, before a large pair of Goats Horns sprung up, at which he was sore affrighted, and would have fled from



him: tho it been possible; and began more than before to exclaim against his hard Fate, saying, that now such a misfortune was befall him,

him, as would exclude him from the Honour and Society of men; then began he to Curse the time when he first came into England; and wished that he had died in the Womb, or as soon as ever he beheld the light: Cursing and Railing against the Enchanting beauty of Aggrypina, which had wrought him all this disgrace, and misery; vowing, if possible, to be revenged; and was grown so desperate, that he resolved to sell his Soul to the Devil, rather than she should go unpunished. And in this mad mode he ranged the Forest, for two days space, without meeting either Man or Beast: till at last he came to a Cave under a spreading Oak, wherein lived an aged Hermet, who not only calmed his desperate resolves, but likewise cured him of his Horns, as shall in the next Chapter be shown at large.

C H A P. XXXVI.

How *Andolucia*, by the advice of an Hermet, was eased of his Horns, and how he came into *England*, and grafted a pair of Goats Horns upon the Head of *Aggrypina*.

When the Hermet perceived Andolucia, he came out of his Cell, and demanded what business brought him into such a disconsolate and desert place? and withal smiled when he beheld the Horns upon his Head, as well knowing what had caused them: to whom Andolucia replied with a doleful tone, truly, I was brought hither by the Art, and remained here full sore against my will; but yet, I



must thank God that I have found you here to be my comfort, for I never intend to go to any Town, unless I can be rid of this deformity,

12, which proceeded from eating Apples in this Wilderness; at which the Old Man laughed heartily, and the rather, to see what a piteous wry face Andolucia made; at which Andolucia being somewhat displeased, told him, that he ought rather to comfort him than to increase his affliction: Yes, said the Hermit, I shall comfort you, and therefore come into my house, and in two hours space I'll cure thee of thy Horns. At this Andolucia greatly rejoiced, and told the Hermit, that if he would do so, he would give him 10 Crowns; keep your Money, said the Hermit, and corrupt not me with it, for if I had delighted in Riches I had not come to this place, neither need I now to live here: then Andolucia asked the old man for something to eat, who brought him out Roots, Nuts, Field-Apples, and a cruile of Water, which was all the fare he lived on; then desired he would begin to cure him of his Horns; at which the Hermit went out of his Cave, and returning again about half an hour after, brought six Apples of a very fair colour with him, and wished Andolucia to eat two of them; the which he had no sooner done, but his Horns dropped off, at which he was exceeding glad, and asked the Hermit how those Fruits came to be of such different qualities? to which he answered, The Wise Creator and Sovereign Lord of all things had so disposed his bounties, that seldom there is any thing hurtful, but there is likewise another thing to cure the hurt that it causes; but in all the Earth I believe there is not two Trees that retain the like qualities of these Trees.

Now after they had held a long discourse about the business of the World, the Hermit bid Andolucia be mindful of the future state of his precious and immortal Soul: and so guiding him to the next Town, he dismissed him with his Blessing; and Andolucia on the other hand, returned him a thousand Thanks. Then went Andolucia to the next Inn and called for Meat and Drink, afterwards he departed thence toward the Sea-side, studying all the way how he might be revenged on Agrippina; and having some of the Horny-ing Apples in his Pocket, as likewise four of the contrary quality, which the Hermit had given him, he resolved to go for London, and if possible, to graft a pair of Horns upon the head of Agrippina, by which means he doubted not to recover his Hat and Purse; in order to

to which, he agreed with the Master of the Vessel to carry him into England; when coming to London, he disguised himself, and so went to the Court, and there putting his Apples in a Box, he set them forth just as the Princess was coming by: and when any one asked him what Fruit they were, he told them they were brought from Jerusalem, and that they grew in the Holy Garden; which made many inquire the price, but he held them so dear that none would buy; it not being his intent that any should experiment the secret; he had not long continued before Agrippina came by, and casting her eyes upon them, she not being accustomed to see such kind of Fruit, demanded what they were? then her Gentlewoman told her; whereupon she made towards Andolucia, and taking one up in her hand, asked the price? which he told her was 3 Crowns the least; for, says he, I have not above Twenty of them, and it has cost me a twelve-months Travel to fetch them; some, 'tis true, I dispos'd of in the Court of France, where they are highly approved for their vertue. Well, and what vertue, said the Princess, do they contain? Such, said Andolucia, that if you were old they would restore both Youth and Beauty; they are not only pleasant to taste, but have such a miraculous secret, that they once being eaten, preserve health for 7 Years after; but how many, said Agrippina? only Two, said Andolucia. Upon this the Princess, who was sometimes troubled with Fits, bought Two of them, but would give him no more than two Crowns a piece and putting them in her Handkerchief, departed; which did not make Andolucia a little joyce; so staying about the Court, he perceived by the melancholly temper of her waiting-Gentlewoman that the project had taken effect; for so it was, that when the Princess came into her Chamber, she eat one of the Apples, and finding it had a luscious taste, eat, in a while afterwards, another; then lying down to sleep, as was her usual custom, she found her self somewhat indisposed, but yet slept for half an hour; during which space, she dreamed that a great He-Goat came running at her, and butted with his Horns; whereupon she striving to fly, found her self turned into a Goat also; at which being much affrighted, she awoke, when starting up, she felt a more then usual weight upon her head; when looking in the Glass, she espied a great pair of Horns fixed upon her head, whereat

she shrieked out, so that her Gentlewomen came running, and when they beheld her, they shrieked also; but the old Patron who was her Tutor, being wiser then the rest, bid them keep silence; for, said she, if this be noised abroad, the greatest Beauty upon Earth will loose her credit amongst Men; but the best way will be to procure such able Physicians as may take them away: then asked she of Agrippina, which way she deemed that they happened? to which Agrippina replied, I know not, unless it be some immediate judgement shewed upon me for my too great opinion of my beauty, or the effects of the strange Fruit I bought of the Merchant; but howsoever they came, I pray you seek some means by which I may be rid of them, whatever it cost me, before it comes to be blazed about in the World; whereupon the old Woman went to all the noted Physicians, and acquainted them what had happened to a fair young Gentlewoman, but told them not her name; then many of them desired to see her, but she told them that might not be, unless unsight or unseen they would promise and oblige themselves in an obligation of 2000 Crowns if they performed it not; but they looking upon it as a strange and unheard of matter, would not undertake it upon such conditions; so that the old Patron was returning home sad and heavy that she had not sped: when Andolucia who had watched her all the while, meeting her at a turning, being now in the habit of a Doctor with great false Whiskers, and other disguises, drew near and saluted her, saying, What makes you so sad, is not some one of your friends well? for so I do guess, because I see you come out of such a Doctor's house: Truly, said she, there is something more than ordinary that makes me thus: then said Andolucia, be not afraid to discover it, for by my skill and God's blessing, I have done miraculous Cures, left off by other Physicians.

When the Patron heard him say so, she greatly rejoiced, and declared to him in all points what had happened, which was to him no news; and desired him to stay till she went and acquainted the young Gentlewoman with it, and she would return to him within an hour: the which he promised to do; so that when the Old Gentlewoman returned, she enjoined him to keep secret, and to promise the payment of 2000 Crowns if he did not perform the Cure, and then she led him up a back way into Agrippina's Chamber.

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C H A P. XXVII.

How *Andolucia*, by undertaking to Cure *Agrippina* of her Horns, first recovered his Wishing-Hat, and afterwards his Purse, with what happened during the time.

Now when Andolucia was brought into Agrippina's presence, and beheld her Horns, he inwardly rejoiced, though to appearance he seemed sorry; then, said he, fair Lady, be not desisted, for I shall surely Cure you of your Horns: if you do, said Agrippina, I will bountifully reward you; fear it not, said Andolucia; in the same case was an Earl's Daughter in Flanders for making false vows to her Lover and never performing them, yet I cured her: then began Agrippina to sigh, as imagining her breach of faith with Andolucia might have brought upon her that disgrace, then she desired him to keep it secret, and so gave him a 100 Crowns, upon which he went to the Apothecaries, and there, for fashions sake, bought several Drugs, with which he mixed some slices of the Apples, whose quality it was to take away Horns: which working with her, she soon perceived her Horns to diminish, at which she greatly rejoiced: but Andolucia was resolved not quite to rid her of them, till such time he found opportunity to recover his Hat and Purse. A while after he caused an Ape to be killed, and wrapped the skin about her Horns, which she patiently indured: then he gave her more of the Apple, which made them sink so far, that they were scarce a handfull long; so he ordered her to go to sleep again: when as he taking his opportunity, searched about to see if peradventure he could chance on the Hat or Purse, and had the good luck to find his Wishing Hat, where it was carelessly layed under the bed, Agrippina not in the least knowing the secret virtue that remained in it; at which good hap Andolucia greatly rejoiced, and took it as a happy Presage that he should recover his Purse likewise; for now, thought he, I will take another airy Voyage with her and the Purse, to see if he could be more circumspect then formerly. Whilst he was thus debating, he, unseen of the Princess, took up the Hat and put it under his

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Coat, and thereupon began to relent of the intended Cruelty he designed to use toward her; which was, That when her Horns were almost gone, he would give her two Hornifying Apples that should make them rise again larger than ever, and then to depart from France, and from thence to send her a Letter, who he was, and upon what occasion her Horns were grown, and that unless she would come to him and bring the Purse, she should never be cured of the same; whilst thus he was considering, Aggrypina waked, and feeling on her brows, found that her Horns were almost gone, at which she rejoiced exceedingly: and for Andolucia, desiring him to perfect his cure as soon as possible, but he told her it was not so easily done, for that the greatest part was yet remaining, which was the taking the root of the Horns out of the Skull; for which he must use many costly Drugs, rarely to be got, and then told her she should appear more beautifull and splendid, then ever: this made her rejoice the more, and promised him any reward he would ask: for, said she, if this disgrace continue by me, I shall be ashamed ever to appear in publick. Well, said Andolucia, as for the taking them away, I do not in the least doubt, but the Drugs will cost a great deal of money: no matter for that, spare for no money, said Aggrypina, for whatever it cost, I care not: nay, but said Andolucia, I have not money enough to purchase the third part of them, of my own, therefore your highness must disburse 500 Crowns at least, for there must be many ingredients; as, Pearl, Coral, Rubies, Amber-Græce, Civit, Opopanax, Galbanum, Frankensence, Mirch, and other costly things; upon which Aggrypina not knowing whom she had to deal withal, putting on her Cloaths, went to a large Cabinet, in which all her treasure lay, and after she had unlocked it, took out the so much desired Purse, and fastened it to her Girdle as she was wont upon the like occasion; Andolucia well noting, drew her towards the Window, and there set open the Casement, telling her that he was dim-sighted and could not well see his money in a dark room: whereupon, as she began to tell out the money he claped on his Hat, which till then he had held privately under his Coat, and clasping her fast, wished himself in a solitary Desert: the which he no sooner had done, but they were hoisted up the Ayre, and carried invisibly over many Cities and Towns till they



they came to a Desert in Scotland, where he set her down: and then, that she should be no longer ignorant by what means she had been thus conveyed away (for she thought certainly the Devil had carried her) he pulled off his disguise, and told her plainly who he was, upon which she was not able to speak, for a good space. Now when she was carried away, her Women were in great perplexity, some weeping, and others tearing their hair, insomuch that their Lamentations being heard, the King and Queen supposed the Princess was Dead, for that they had notice she was sick some time before: whereupon they came into her Lodgings, and demanded the cause of such extravagant sorrow; whereupon the Old Woman with much sobbing and sighing told them, that the fair Aggrypina was again carried away, as before: by one that pretended himself a Physician, and undertook to cure her of certain Horns, which by a strange accident grew monstrously out of her Head: at this, they were both grieved, but comforted themselves in hopes she would return as she had done before: but when several days were over, and she came not, they began to despair of her recovery.

Then said the King, I wish I had never persuaded her to bereave Andolucia of his enchanted Purse: for had he kept that still, we had had our Daughter: for past doubt, he is a Negromancer himself, or deals with such as are, and by that means has these two times conveyed her away: and I am verily persuaded, that the Merchant and the

the Physician were no other than Andolocia under disguise; but I well trust, that he is of so courteous a temper, that he will do our Daughter no harm: but when he hath obliged her to return him his Purse, he will send her home again: for it is certain, that Purse cannot be quietly enjoyed by any but the true owner, which is Andolocia; therefore were my Aggrypina here, I did not care she should any more be troubled with it; but if I might get it, I would send it to Andolocia, and excuse her taking it from him. After this, the Queen urged him to send forth messengers, not only into all parts of his own Dominions, but likewise into Foreign parts, which he commanded to be speedily done, and so departed sorrowfully to his Chamber: where I must leave him, and return into Scotland, to Andolocia and Aggrypina.

When Aggrypina was come to her self, and able to speak, she fell upon her knees, and besought Andolocia to have mercy upon her: for that she confessed she had greatly injured him, for which she was heartily sorry: and it was true, it lay in his power to revenge it, but that such a revenge would stain his Glorious Dad in Arms, if once it came to light, as it was most likely it would; for, said she, Murder is not rarely concealed long, the guilty conscience of the Murderer being often constrained to discover it; but this did not abate Andolocia's anger, who fiercely replied, well may you blush with shame and confusion of face, since you have so treacherously dealt with one, who loved you beyond all earthly things; discovering to you that secret, which all the Rocks and Tortures upon Earth, could never have obliged him to have done: tremble therefore at your guilt, for see revenge is written in my brow, and upon that, he laid his hand upon his Sword; which Aggrypina perceiving, that no other, but that he intended to dispatch her, and therefore through fear and grief, she fell into a swoon, which moved Andolocia to pity; so that he gently raised her from the ground, and she recovering, began to beg him to pity her, pity you! said Andolocia, what pity can there remain in my breast for such an one who so treacherously and ungratefully rewarded me for all the hazards that I underwent for your sake? and know you shall wear the infamy on your front, as an everlasting Memento of your Infidelity. Then said Aggrypina,

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I desire you to place me in some Nunnery, thereby to keep me from the sight of People, to which Andolocia consented.

C H A P. XXXVIII.

How Andolocia put Aggrypina in a Nunnery, and departed with his Hat and Purse to Famogosta.

Andolocia having found a Nunnery, knocked at the Door, and desired to speak with the Matron, who after some time, came and demanded his business? who told her, that he would gladly speak with her in private, whereupon she took him by the hand, and led him into the Lodg; where he told her, that a strange accident had happened to a Lady of great birth and beauty, which was, that she had two Horns growing out of her head, upon that the Matron wondered, and was greatly desirous to see her: whereupon he went and fetched Aggrypina (who waited for his return, not far thence:) when he brought her: the Abbess wondered yet more, but did not seem to take any notice of the Horns, for fear of displeasing Aggrypina, but went to her and embraced her, bidding her heartily welcome: perceiving her partly demean, and that she had been exceedingly well bred: then did they demand of Andolocia 200 Crowns, which she said was the Custom of the House, when any Young Lady first entered, and that afterwards they had servants assigned to attend them after the best manner: upon this Andolocia took out his Purse, and gave her 300 Crowns, saying, there is one hundred more than you asked; therefore let the Lady be carefully looked to, which the Matron promised.

C H A P. XXXIX.

How Andolocia returned to his Brother Ampedo, with the Hat and Purse: and how at the request of the King of Cyprus, he freed Aggrypina out of the Nunnery, and took away her Horns.

Andolocia being rid of Aggrypina, departed joyfully with his Purse and Hat, and being out of sight, he wished himself in Flanders, whether he was conveyed in a trice; and there for some time solacing himself in pleasure, he fell in love with an Earl's daughter, to whom he imparted the secret of his Hat, which she privately intended to steal from him by night: but he having notice of it from

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One of her Virgins; to whom she had revealed it by reason of his often repeated liberalities towards her, he took the opportunity to prevent her by wishing himself in Cyprus, which he instantly accomplished; where he no sooner arrived, but he hired him servants, and bought both himself and them Horses, and then in a most splendid manner rode to Famogosta; the which when he approached, his Brother Ampedo spying him from the Battlements of his Palace, he did not a little rejoice; and withal, called to his servants to make ready his Horses, and so rode out to meet him; when they came near each other, both of them alighted and embraced each other, neither, for a while, being able to speak, for joy: after which, Ampedo asked Andolucia how he had sped, who with a chearful countenance replied, that he had recovered his Purse again, which did not a little rejoice Ampedo.

After much discourse relating to their Travels, they came to the Pallace, where Ampedo ordered a sumptuous Feast to be prepared, to welcome his Brother, to which they invited several of their friends, to rejoice with them, and continued in great merriment for two days; at the end of which, Andolucia offered his Brother the Purse, but he refused it, saying, he had enough, and that it caused great perplexity to such as kept it; and therefore he willed Andolucia still to detain it, which did not at all displease him; for although he offered it his Brother, yet he was in hopes that he would not accept of it. When he had Rebelled in the Pallace for a while, he took leave of his Brother, and went to the King's Court, where he no sooner arrived, but the King had notice thereof, and sent one of his Chamberlains to bring him to his Presence; where, when he was come, he made a low obeysance, after which the King welcomed him, and asked him of his Travels, of which he gave a large account, relating to the customs and fashions of the Countries through which he had passed: Then the King demanded of him, whether he had been in the English Court; to which he replied, he had: And have you, said the King, seen the Princess Agrippina? I have, said Andolucia: But do you know whether she be found or not, since the news I received that she was carryed away by Pergrinancy? for I have a great mind to lay down the ponderous

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weight of Government, if I could match my Son to that Princess: Truly, said Andolucia, I must confess I know where she is, and if your Majesty will send an Ambassage with the Prince's Picture, I will so order it, that she shall be at her father's Court before the Ambassadors arrive. At this the King greatly rejoiced, and highly honoured Andolucia, promising all things should be done according to his directions, and desired him to make good his word without delay; upon which he took his leave of the King; and after having departed a mile from the Pallace, he put on his Wishing-hat, and was immediately conveyed to the Sunnery, where knocking at the Gate, desired to speak with the Matron, who no sooner came to him, but he shewed her that he was desirous to speak with Agrippina; whereupon she caused her to be called, knowing him to be the person who had brought her thither: When Aggrypina, came, she could not refrain from weeping; whereupon he taking her by the hand, led her into a private Chamber, and told her, that he had been ranging the world about, to find fit Medicines to cure her of her Hozns; and demanded of her, that if she were cured, whether she would wish herself to be? Why, said she, with my Father, to enjoy my former Freedom in his Pallace: Then, said he, be it according to thy wish; and thereupon he gave her two Apples, which he had reserved, the which she had no sooner eaten, but she shed her Hozns; then he called the Matron, and told her, that Aggrypina was a King's Daughter; and that ere long she should be married to a beautiful young Prince; and that, he having cured her of her Hozns, did now intend to take her with him. The Abbess or Matron perceiving the wonderful change, greatly rejoiced, and praised God that he had wrought such a miraculous alteration: Then Andolucia giving the Matron 200 Crowns more, and to Aggrypina's waiting-Maid, a hundred, he departed with Aggrypina; and when he was come into a Forest, he put on his Wishing-hat, and taking her in his arms, wished himself in London; where he immediately arrived; and there setting down the Princess Aggrypina, without any word speaking, wished himself at Famogosta, and was there in a trice: Now Aggrypina perceiving that she was at London, enquired the way to her Father's Pallace, where she soon arrived, by the directions of the Citizens.

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C H A P. XL.

How Aggrypina came again to the King and Queen; and how an Ambassador came from Cyprus to demand her in Marriage; together with her Marriage to the King of Cyprus.

Aggrypina no sooner arrived at the Pallace, but she was met by some of the Ladies that had formerly waited upon her, who could not speak to her for joy, but immediately run to the King and Queen to inform them what they had seen; upon which the King ordered a hundred pieces of gold, to be given to the first bringer of the news, and immediately went to meet Aggrypina, greatly rejoicing that he had recovered her; upon which occasion, he proclaimed a great Feast throughout all his dominions, which was kept with great rejoicing; in the midst of which, an Ambassador came from Cyprus, of which the King having notice, caused him to be nobly entertained, and the next day he was introduced to his Audience, he being attended by many Nobles of Cyprus.

When he came into the King's presence, he declared his Ambassy, and delivered his Masters Letters; shewing likewise, the young Prince's Picture, which greatly pleased the King and Queen; then was the Picture ordered to be carryed to Aggrypina; as likewise the Relation of what had passed; the which, when she beheld, she at first, with feigned Modesty, disapproved of; but calling to mind what Andolucia had said, she consented; then were the King's Ships made ready, and a great number of Noble Ladies appointed to carry her over; when taking leave of the King and Queen, she departed, though not without some tears on either side; so that having a prosperous Gale, within two months they Landed in that Island; whereof notice being had, the King, his Queen, and all the Nobles of that Kingdom, came to welcome her on shore, with all manner of Music and what ever could be invented, to entertain one of such Noble Birth; all the people rejoicing that they had so fair

a Princess to be hereafter their Queen; then did she conduct her to the City of Medusa, where the King's Pallace was; against whose coming, a stately Banquet was prepared; and the more to de-



light the company, a Conjuror caused a Tree to grow on the Table, and a Hunting to pass along, for their Diversisement. Likewise, Andolucia attended, but would by no means take any notice of Aggrypina, for so it was secretly agreed between them; but he spent so Royally, that all the Nobility envied him, by reason he eclipsed their Honours, in doing so far beyond their Abilities, by giving the Prince and Princess a Present of Jewels worth a hundred Crowns; as likewise sending in such store of choice Viands and Wine, that the King greatly marvelled.

C H A P. XLI.

How at the Sports and Pastimes ordained to grace the Wedding, Andolucia won the Prize, which caused some of the Nobility greatly to envy him.

During the Feast, the King ordained several Sports, as Tennis, and other Games, and at last a Horse Race, wherein Andolucia

prebailled, &c. won the praise of all Ladies and Gentlewomen, and was by the Princess Aggrypina often Crowned with Garlands; which raised the envy of many of the great ones against him, insomuch that two Earls, viz. the Earl of Limose and Armandalia, secretly conspired his death, because he had obtained the Admiralty several times, by putting them to the foile; so that they resolved to wait for him in a Wood, through which he was to pass; for at that time he had not brought with him the *Wishing-Hat*, and resolved to kill all his Men, and by putting him upon the Rack, oblige him to confess from whence he had such store of Treasure: Whereupon the day before the feast ended, they took their leave of the King, as if they intended to go a hunting; and having got about 200 armed men, they placed themselves behind certain Trees in the Wood, near to the way he was to pass, and furiously setting upon him at unawares, they killed all his Men, which were 6 in number, and took him Prisoner; though not without loss on their side, for Andolocia drawing his Sword, so laid about him, that he killed ten of them, and wounded the Earl of Limose.

C H A P. XLII.

How Andolocia was Imprisoned and Racked, and how Ampedo burned his *Wishing-Hat*, as imagining his Brother slain.

When the Earls had taken Andolocia Prisoner, they carried him to a Castle of theirs not far from thence, where they put him into a dark Prison, and rode again to Court, carrying with them 4 fat Bucks, which they pretended to have taken by hunting. Soon after their arrival, news was brought of the death of Andolocia's men, and how that he was thought to be taken Prisoner, by reason his body was not found amongst them: upon which, the King was exceedingly angry, and immediately sent out Messengers into all parts of the Kingdom, to hear of him: As likewise Ampedo offered a 1000 *Buckets* to any that could discover where he was; but when no messenger could be had where he was, he supposed him dead, or in some distant

prison; for the sake of his Purse; and thereupon lest he should come to some ill end, by reason of his Hat, he cast it into the fire, and there let it consume to ashes, and for grief, within a short time after died. Now when the Earls had been at Court some time, the Earl of Limose went to the place where he was become of Andolocia, and at his arrival, found him in the prison where he left him, and there began to examine him where he had so much money to spend at the rate he did? he told him, that if he would let him go to the Palace at Famagosta, he would shew him by what means he obtained his Riches; but he would not consent to it, but caused him grievously to be Racked; insomuch that he was obliged to discover the secrets of his Purse, and he delivered it to the Earl in hopes, by that means, to be set free; but he having proved it, left him in Prison, and rode to his Companion, and shewed him all that had happened; whereupon they, after some contest agreed to keep it monthly by turns; then the Earl of Armandolia said, I hear that Andolocia is a *Negromancer*, and can lie in the ay: therefore we cannot be safe till he is dispatched out of the way, to which they both agreed, and the Earl of Armandolia rode to the prison, and offered the Keeper 200 Crowns to strangle Andolocia, but he refused it, saying, he was a just and honest man: whereupon the Earl went in himself, and after having asked whether he had any more Purse of the same sort, and he affirming he had none, the Earl with his Girdle, strangled him, as he sat fast in a large pair of Stocks, and so returned to the Earl of Limose, to acquaint him with what he had done.

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C H A P. XLII.

How the Murder of *Andolucia* was discovered by the two Earls falling out about the Purse, and how they were put to death for the same.

ANdolucia and Ampedo being dead, the Purse lost all its Vertue, and would yield no more Money than any common Purse; so that it falling to the Earl of Armandalia's turn, he taxed the Earl of Limose as a Cheat, saying, he had changed it; so that there happened a dispute between them; whereupon they drew their Swords and wounded each other; when as the people coming in to part them, the Earl of Limose said; Ah Villain! thou wouldst have Murthered me as thou didst Andolucia for his Purse; which words being told to the King, he suspected them to be the Murtherers: Whereupon he commanded they should be Apprehended and Racked; during which, they freely confessed all that had passed, and were Condemned to be broken upon the Wheel, their Chattels and Goods to be spoiled, and to many as were contenting of pity to the Murther, to be Hanged; which Sentence was accordingly put in Execution: After which, by reason *Andolucia* and *Ampedo* had left none to possess their Pallace at Famagosta, the King took possession thereof, and found in it infinite Wealth, placing the Prince and Princess therein, who lived there in great Splendor, till the King's Death, and then took upon them the Rule of the whole Kingdom.

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